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## Final Mitchell decision due within week

### Bono hears arguments for, against village incorporation

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

#### MITCHELL

A judge is expected to decide within a week whether residents of unincorporated Mitchell will be

able to vote to become a village in April. Attorneys argued Monday at a hearing in the Madison County Courthouse over whether the proposed 7.28-square-mile map would have enough of a population for Mitchell to become a

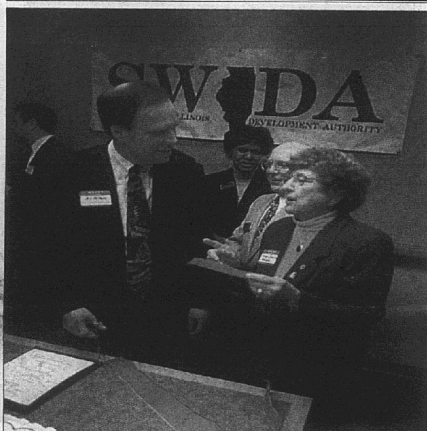
village without the consent of neighboring municipalities. James Sinclair, the attorney representing Mitchell, said several annexations on Mitchell's borders into Granite City are invalid because the ordinance supporting the annexations was not published

in a newspaper or in pamphlet form. "They put the provisions in their ordinances for publication, and they didn't do it," Sinclair argued. Chief Associate Judge Randall Bono asked, "What would stop them from

publishing tomorrow?" Sinclair replied, "Then Mitchell would have filed for incorporation before the annexations into Granite City." Lawyers for neighboring municipalities said there are fewer people within Mitchell's proposed borders than the 8,039

that Mitchell backers claim. By law, a village needs a population of 7,500 to incorporate without the consent of neighboring municipalities. Several Mitchell supporters watched the proceedings in the

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Scott Cousins photo  
Alan Ortals, executive director of SWIDA, left, and State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, talk after the ribbon-cutting ceremony at SWIDA's new office in Collinsville.

## SWIDA opens new offices in Collinsville

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Public officials and business leaders from throughout Madison and St. Clair counties attended a grand opening ceremony and open house for the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority's new offices in Collinsville Friday afternoon.

SWIDA, a self-sufficient development authority, provides technical, real estate and financial services to developers interested in the region — including issuing bonds to finance

development. Since it was created about 10 years ago, more than \$200 million in financing has been issued to support numerous projects. The new office is located at 1022 Eastport Plaza Drive, a short distance from the old offices in the Magna Bank — now Union Planters Bank — building at the intersection of Illinois 157 and Eastport Plaza Drive.

"We actually moved in about two months ago," said Executive Director Alan

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## Children play role in visit

### Great opportunity, say area Catholics

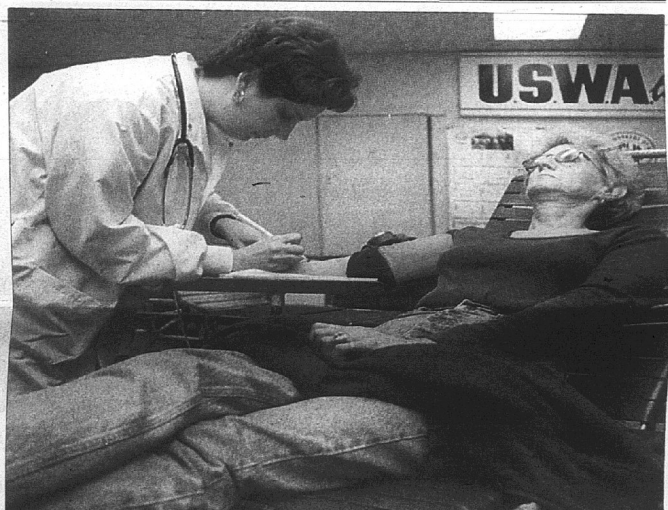
By Val McDowell  
Staff writer

Pope John Paul II has been known to have a special interest in children and in the future of the Catholic Church. As is his custom, during his two-day stay in St. Louis this week, the Pope was to spend an important part of his time with area youth.

A major rally entitled, "Light Of The World Papal Youth Gathering" was scheduled for Tuesday at the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis.

Donna Dausman, director of the Office of Family Youth Ministries with the Diocese of Springfield, spoke of the opportunity for area children. Dausman said when plans

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Tim Stephenson photo

## Giving until it hurts

Gloria Knobloch of Granite City, right, donates a pint of her blood as American Red Cross worker Melody Selby checks to be sure Knobloch is all right. Blood drives throughout the Tri-Cities and Metro-East areas have been going in full force in recent days to counteract a shortage of blood caused by the icy weather experienced in the region at the start of the year.



Tim Stephenson photo

## The play's the thing

Members of the cast of the Granite City High School winter play, "The Foreigner," by Larry Shue, gather for a dress rehearsal recently. The play, which features Ryan Moenster, David Elliff, Nealie Ingram, Jacob Kampfoefner, Justin Meagher, Amy Pennell and Richard Skirball Jr., will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the GCHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 and will be available at the door. The public is invited.

## Filing gets started for municipal elections

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach Trustee Randy Presswood and former police captain Jim Denham are both attempting to unseat Mayor Glen Wilson in the April elections in Pontoon Beach.

**QUAD-CITIES** Three complete political parties have filed in Pontoon Beach — which usually has very hotly-contested races.

Monday was the first day of filing for the elections, which include school board, municipal, library and park boards.

The Pontoon Beach race — including mayor, village clerk and three of six trustee spots — could create a new balance of power on the board.

Two incumbents — Village

Clerk Mary Rowden and Trustee Irene Karlochik — are not seeking reelection. Trustee Gus Falter has taken out petitions, but had not filed them as of Monday.

Wilson is heading the ballot for the Continuous Action Party. Also running with Wilson are Carlene Whitehead for clerk, Linda McFarland, building inspector Randy Viessman and Byron Wampler.

Three traditional allies of Wilson — Trustees Bob Able, Bob Vincent and Lou Whitsell — are already on the board.

Denham, who also served as acting police chief at one time, is heading the New Beginnings Party.

Running with Denham are clerk candidate Susan Daugherty and trustee

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## Briefs

**Veizer recital scheduled Thursday**  
Thirty years ago this week, Daniel Veizer of Granite City found music.

To celebrate that anniversary, Veizer will perform at a recital beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 2160 Delmar, Granite City.

Also performing will be soprano Linda Blumenthal, mezzo-soprano Rhonda Collins and pianist John K. Kuriger. Music will include selections from Bizet, Chopin, Nussbaum, Porter, Ravel, Wolf and others.

Veizer is currently organist and director of music at the Basilica of St. Louis—the Old Cathedral.

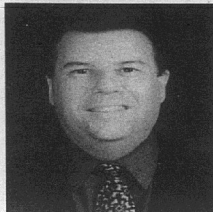
He has been an organist at St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth and Holy Family Catholic churches; was director of music at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center Chapel; and played organ at the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Granite City and First Presbyterian Church in Edwardsville.

Veizer has taught piano for the past 28 years and currently teaches in Granite City.

### Three named DAR winners

Three local students have been named winners of the annual Drusilla Andrews Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award Program. Elizabeth Gail Weatherly, Staci Annette Ramsey and Cherynn Griggs were winners of the award.

Weatherly, the daughter of William and Freda Weatherly and a student at Granite City High School, has been a member of the National Honor Society, the GCHS marching band, concert band and pep band, squad leader for the



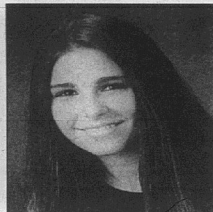
DANIEL VEIZER

color guard, a member of the Social Studies Club and the Empathy Club. She plans to major in political science and minor in business at college.

Ramsey, the daughter of Sharon Ramsey and a student at Madison High School, has been a member of the Spanish Club, "Peens in Touch," vice president of her junior class and a member of the girls varsity basketball team.

She plans to study nursing in college. Griggs, the daughter of Douglas and Jacqueline Griggs, is a student at Venice High School and has been president of her senior and freshman classes and vice president of her sophomore and junior class. She is also a member of the volleyball and bowling teams and is a member of the ALPHA, TRENDS, and TQS groups at the school. She plans to attend Belleville Area College for two years, then complete a four-year degree in psychology.

**Costello holding hours in Madison**  
U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello.



ELIZABETH WEATHERLY



STACI RAMSEY

D-Belleville, will hold office hours at Madison City Hall from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday. Constituents can talk one-on-one with Costello. For more information, please call 253-9026.

### Benefit scheduled for Saturday

A chicken and beer dance benefit for 20-year-old leukemia patient Sonya Reader will be held Saturday at the Granite City Knights of Columbus hall.

There will be door prizes and raffles held as part of the benefit, which will raise money for Reader's continuing treatment and for a bone marrow transplant.

Admission will be \$10 per person; children under 7 will be admitted free. For more information, call 452-9444.

## Madison schools receiving grant for teacher programs

### Request for special ed teacher examined

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

**MADISON** The Madison School District has been notified that it will receive a \$120,000 federal grant to continue its teacher improvement programs.

Madison School Superintendent Gary Allison notified the School Board of the grant at Thursday's meeting.

The money is part of the Goals 2000 program, which is administered through the Illinois State Board of Education.

"That's our third year of funding at about that level," Allison said.

The grant will be used to continue teacher training using the "Workshop Way," and "Inspired Strategies," and other programs.

The district has used the Workshop Way program primarily in the younger

grades—since 1995, when it started to emphasize in-house staff development rather than the traditional "teachers' institutes."

Since then, teachers have met in small groups on a weekly basis and group leaders meet once per month.

More recently, the district had expanded the use of the program to higher grades.

"The idea of the program is to help the teachers present materials in an active, engaging way to the children," he said. "The teachers have very many strategies that keep the children active and engaged in the instructional process. It's just a really exciting program."

The board also heard a request from Madison Middle School special education teacher Liz Laurent for an additional teacher at that school.

She said that the three special education teachers now there have too many children in their classes.

As part of her presentation, she also suggested several funding sources for the additional teacher, but Allison said the district is already using all of those.

After her presentation, trustees questioned her for several minutes.

Joseph Garcia asked if there would be any cost addition to the teacher's salary.

Laurent said there would also be the textbooks and other supplies necessary in a classroom, plus some additional materials needed for special education classes.

After the meeting, Allison said he was not sure what the district could do to increase special education staffing in the middle school.

"I think it's an ongoing problem everywhere," Allison said. "I'd like to provide some additional help to them, but we're trying to provide additional help in a lot of locations."

"It's a piece of the pie, and you have to divvy out the pie as much as you can."

## Glen Carbon police quickly recover stolen car

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Police recovered a car Friday that had been stolen from a residence in the Cottonwood subdivision.

**GLEN CARBON** No suspects have yet been located, but it took only one day to track down the abandoned vehicle in St. Louis.

"It was good police work," said Glen Carbon Police Sgt. Mark Foley. "The car was stolen Wednesday night and recovered (Thursday) night."

After being recovered by a patrol officer from the St. Louis City Police Department, the gray 1988 Dodge Omni was transported to the City

Impound Yard at 7410 Hall St. Police said the car will remain there until it can be processed for fingerprints and assessed for any vehicle damage.

According to a police report, a village man had parked the car by a friend's residence on

Heritage Place and discovered it was missing at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

The man had said the vehicle had been locked and the keys weren't inside. He reported the theft to police

in St. Louis, where the vehicle as stolen into the police computer network.

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## Area woman makes collage for papal visit conclusion

By Steven Martens  
Staff writer

When Pope John Paul II leaves St. Louis, he will take with him the artwork of a St. Peters woman as part of a gift from Catholic children.

Stephanie Helfrich's collage, done with tissue paper and pencil, is part of a "spiritual bouquet," a parting gift to the pope from the children of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, said Mary Ann Frenking, the organizer of the project and coordinator of religious education at All Saints School in St. Peters.

The art project was intended to represent another part of the children's gift to the pope, their prayers, Frenking said. "Certainly, prayers are the sweetest thing to God's ears from children," Frenking said.

As a gift to the pope, children from the St. Louis area have said 165,000 Masses, made 56,000 visits to the Blessed Sacrament Church, said 357,000 "hail marys," 45,000 rosaries and 370,000 "our fathers," Frenking said.

Helfrich said the design for her project features children showering the pope with flowers and confetti, to symbolize the prayers the children have said for him. Deciding on a design for the project was not easy, Helfrich said.

"I had very little to go on at the time," Helfrich said. "It's not like the pope comes that often."

Helfrich, who is not a professional artist but majored in art in college, said she was overwhelmed when asked to take part.

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## Donations enable Madison students to see performances

### Rams, Illinois Power providing funding

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Madison Middle School and Madison High School students will get a chance to see performances at Sheldon Concert Hall in St. Louis, thanks to donations by the St. Louis Rams Foundation and Illinois Power.

**MADISON** At Thursday's Madison School Board meeting, Madison School Superintendent Gary Allison told board members that the Rams Foundation donated 330 tickets to take MMS students to the April 13 performance of "Jazz Story" at the Sheldon.

The donation also includes background educational material that will be used in the classrooms to give the students a better understanding of what they are seeing.

The Foundation also

provided 25 tickets for MHS chorus students to attend "Folk Music in the Melting Pot" at the Sheldon April 19.

The cost of transporting the students will be paid by a recent \$300 gift by Illinois Power.

The district also received \$1,000 for two \$500 college scholarships from the Italian-American Club. Allison also said the district's 1999 wellness program had begun and board members were eligible to participate.

As part of the program, teachers and staff receive a health screening and "personal achievement" of goals to achieve for the coming year. It also includes occasional notice of activities being sponsored by the program.

Allison also said that the Partners In Education program between Madison High School and Wood River Refining Co. received honorable mention at the

eight Illinois Business-Education Partnership Recognition Program, held recently in Chicago.

"They have a conference every year where they recognize partnership programs," Allison said. "It's a neat thing because we get to share different ideas among the partnerships."

As part of the PIE program, the company provides support to the high school, including financial help, special programs and an annual job shadowing day.

"The program is excellent," Allison said. "We've had a very wonderful year."

In other business, the board approved the retirement of three employees: secretary Dolores Brunic, aide Bobbie J. Booker and speech correctionist Eleanor Popovsky.

## High phone bills get Venice City Council's attention, time

### Lack of janitors also discussed at meeting

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Concerns about high telephone bills in the police department and the lack of janitors for the city hall and senior center took up much of the time at Tuesday's Venice City Council meeting.

**VENICE** Aldermen questioned why the police

department had racked up between \$800-\$900 in telephone bills for the past month.

"It's somewhat out of hand," Alderman Victor Valentine said.

The bills included calls to Mississippi, Arkansas and California.

Police Chief James

Newsome said some of the calls were personal calls that would either be reimbursed by the caller or would be subtracted from their pay.

Newsome also said he believed the city was being overcharged in some instances.

Several of the bills were overdue. Comptroller Roseann Koelker said that was because the bills had come in at different times, and she had been attempting to present them at one time for payment.

The entire matter was referred to the Police and Finance committees after discussion.

Alderman Henry Fletcher also told the council that there had been some complaints about the lack of janitorial care at the Senior Citizens Center, especially with the recent snow.

"When the weather is bad like this, you are going to get a lot of salt and dirt tracked in," he said.

He proposed hiring a full-time janitor to work at the center and city hall.

Echols said the city did not

have the resources to hire additional people.

"You can always get one if you could pay one," he said. Instead, he proposed using one of the Street Department's laborers on a rotating basis or using people doing community service to work off fines.

There was some discussion of developing a job description for community service workers and holding them to that.

"Their job description is to do what they're told," Echols said. "There's not that much hard work in the city of Venice that they can't mop the floor."

No definite decision was made, but Echols said the situation would be taken care of.

In other business, the council approved spending \$100 for a commemorative brick at the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Youth Center in East St. Louis.

## Many schools using available snow days

By Becky Garrison  
Staff writer

By early last week, many area schools had already used four of the five snow days built into this year's school calendar.

"Many districts have five emergency days built into the calendar and most are about out," said Jed Deets, Regional Superintendent.

But for most districts, this will not mean extra days at

the end of the school year. Once the schools run out of the planned emergency days, Deets said they can request additional days from the state.

"They can request something called 'Act of God Days,' but that seldom happens in St. Clair County," Deets said.

When a district is granted Act of God Days, the students do not have to make up the time missed at the end of the school year.

Deets said the Act of God Days are only granted in the case of a legitimate emergency over and beyond the school's five scheduled emergency days.

"The school year is 180 days. This includes 176 student attendance days plus workshops," Stuckey said.

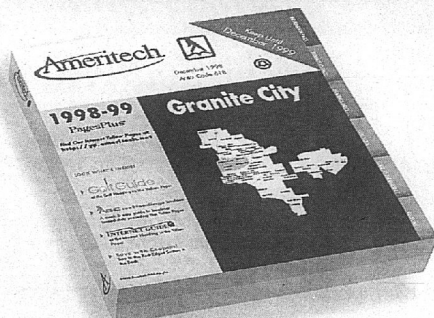
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## Beeps mark video poker lawsuit

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

The beeps and hums of a video poker machine echoed through a courtroom Monday as attorneys debated the legality of a ban on the devices in Madison County.

The machine was used for demonstration purposes during a bench trial of a lawsuit filed by tavern owner James Robert "Bob" Oller against State's Attorney Bill Haine. The suit challenges the constitutionality of Haine's "protocol" used by local police departments, which includes the ban on the poker machines.

Oller, who owns Bojac's Inc., 18 S. Sixth St., Wood River, sued Haine in September after Haine implemented the ban the previous February.

Oller's attorney, William Lucco of Edwardsville, said the protocol conflicts with the state's own laws and has caused anxiety for commercial operators — particularly taverns and restaurants that invested in machines that were not intended for gambling.

The machine in the courtroom was borrowed from a garage storage area next to Bojac's. Oller said he paid \$1,800 for it several years ago, then removed it from his tavern after receiving a warning notice about the impending ban from the Wood River police chief.

Oller testified that he considered the four machines he once had in his tavern as "for amusement only." He said he had never paid off poker winners and never had

anyone ask him to be paid. However, he testified that the machine in the courtroom had a "knockoff switch," which is commonly used to clear accumulated points on a poker machine prior to paying the winner.

Assistant State's Attorney Rich Rybak said a machine not intended for gambling profit should have no need for a knockoff switch.

Among those testifying for the defendant was Jerome L. Simpson Jr., a supervisory special agent with the FBI and an expert in video gambling machines.

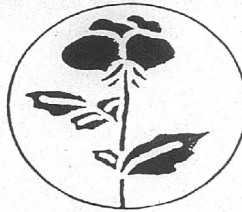
Simpson said he uses a three-pronged test to determine if a video poker machine is indeed a gambling device — consideration (risk of money), chance and reward. He said Haine's protocol addresses those points and appears to him to be a help to police.

Lucco maintains that state law exempts video machines in which skill is a partial factor, but Rybak and Simpson said that applies only when there are no payoffs on the machines.

The trial was held before Associate Judge Lewis Mallott, who took the case under advisement.

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# Obituaries

## Matthew Gasparovic Sr.

**MATTHEW M. GASPAROVIC** SR., 82, of Granite City, died Monday, Jan. 18, 1999, at St. Mary's Health Center in Richmond Heights, Mo.

Mr. Gasparovic was born Sept. 23, 1916, in St. Louis. He had worked at Granite City Steel as a mill operator and was member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, and was recognized in the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Gasparovic was a World War II Army veteran and received three overseas bars, a service stripe, an American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and three Bronze Battle stars.

He married Joyce Winter on April 23, 1949, she survives him. Other survivors include his sons, Matthew Gasparovic Jr. of Granite City, Mo., and Mark Gasparovic of University City, Mo.; three daughters, Joy Lairmore of Ballwin, Mo., Dr. Sharon Gasparovic Hanne of Edwardsville, and Claudia Gasparovic of Kirkwood, Mo.; three sisters, Emily Nebeker of Granite City, Rose Wisler of Glen Carbon, and Doris Gean Bur of Ballwin, Mo.; two grandchildren, Michelle and Christopher Lairmore, Todd, Megan, and Adam Hanne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Ursula (Domian) Gasparovic; two brothers, Andrew Gasparovic Jr. and Edward Gasparovic; and one sister, Daisy Gasparovic.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 23, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Thomas Lieber officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Foundation, 6420 Clayton Road, Richmond Heights, Mo. 63117, or the American Cancer Society, 188 South Seminary St., Collinsville, Ill. 62234, or to the masses.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

## Vermont Kagy

**VERMONT E. KAGY**, 89, of Granite City, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Kagy was born on Nov. 2, 1909, in Salem, Ill. He was retired foreman for Brown Shoe Co. and a member of Niederrhine United Methodist Church in Granite City and Marion Masonic Lodge 130, A.F. and A.M., in Salem.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Donna Kagy of Granite City; two sons, Ronald Kagy and Richard E. Kagy; and five great-grandchildren, Michael, Jennifer, Carol, Katie and Nick.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace Smith, whom he married August 1, 1929; and his parents, Marshall and Pearl Williams Kagy.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 25, in the chapel of Rankin Funeral Home with the Rev. Gary Motta officiating. Burial was at East Lawn Cemetery in Salem.

## Harry Plumlee Jr.

**HARRY E. PLUMLEE JR.**, 71, of Collinsville, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 11, 1927, in St. Louis. Mr. Plumlee was a truck driver for Night Hawk for 27 years and Yellow Freight for three years. He was a member of Collinsville Masonic Lodge 712, Scottish Rite Society, Valley of Southern Illinois, Aina Shrine Temple, the Oriental Band, of which he was past president, VFW Post 5691 and its Color Guard and Teamsters Local 600. Mr. Plumlee was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his son, Scott Plumlee of Mitchell; one daughter, Lisa Tselepis of Woodridge; one brother, Wayne Plumlee of St. Louis; one step-sister, Darlene Grady of Texas; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Plumlee, and his parents, Harry and Mary (Fickie) Plumlee Sr.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 1999, at Allan and Cluett Funeral Home, 314 W. Main St., Collinsville.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, at Allan and Cluett Funeral Home with the Rev. Joe Scheels officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children or American Cancer Society.

## Carl Ranft

**CARL A. RANFT**, 82, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mr. Ranft was born September 28, 1916, in Granite City. He was the owner and operator of Ranft Bunting Company in Granite City.

Mr. Ranft was one of the organizers of the Tri-City Regional District and served as the Chairman in inception in 1959 to 1960, at which time he became General Manager. He served on the Board of the First Granite City National Bank and was one of the original organizers of Colonial Bank. He was President of the Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals. He served as President of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, was an active Board member of the Traffic Club of St. Louis, the Coal Club, the Port Council of Metropolitan St. Louis and the National Foreign Trade Association, PIANC, the Water Resources Congress, the Illinois Port Association and the American Waterway Operators.

Survivors include his wife, Lorain (Richardson) Ranft; three daughters: Jennifer Ganzler of Peconic, N.Y.; Janet Ranft of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Lorain Carter of Springfield, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary (Labuser) Ranft; and one brother, Robert Ranft.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 24, at Irwin Scott Chapel in Glen Carbon, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Belleville Junior College Vocational Center or to the Boy Scouts of America, Trails West Council.

## James Wallis

**JAMES E. WALLIS**, 47, of Granite City, formerly of Collinsville, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Richmond Heights, Mo.

Mr. Wallis was born April 1, 1951, in Alton. He was a welder and operator of the James E. Wallis Attorney at Law, and was member of the Madison County Bar Association, Illinois Bar Association, and the Tri-City Bar Association.

Survivors include his mother, Thelma (Volner) Wallis, two sons: Aaron Wallis and Colin Wallis, both of Granite City; one sister and brother-in-law, Patti and Jerry Senior of Edwardsville; and one niece, Jessica Senior of Edwardsville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Homer Wallis.

Services were Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. James Hahn officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the Legal Aid of Madison County.

## Albert Robinson

**ALBERT E. ROBINSON**, 74, of Kirkwood, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur, Mo.

Mr. Robinson was born Nov. 9, 1924, in Spice Grove, Jamaica. He had worked for Granite City Steel for more than 30 years and maintained a Shelter Insurance office for more than 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Grace (Hoxsey) Robinson; two daughters, Beth Berg and Marynelle Robinson; and two grandchildren, Lauren and Eric Berg.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Sopp Chapel, 10610 Manchester Road, Kirkwood, Mo. A private burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation or St. Louis Family Church, 145 Valley Center Drive, Chesterfield, Mo. 63005.

## Myrel Williams

**MYREL WILLIAMS**, 76, of Granite City, died Monday, Jan. 25, 1999, at the Central Care Center in Granite City.

Mr. Williams was born Dec. 16, 1922, in Sparta. He had worked at MDT Railroad, OEE & I Railroad, Missouri Pacific Railroad and Union Pacific Railroad as a railcar repairman and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1125 of Granite City and was a volunteer fireman for Mitchell, Mr. Williams was in U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Jones) Williams (whom he married Nov. 2, 1946; and one sister, Alice Gregory of Highland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Delilah (Haines) Williams; two sisters, Julia Goeglein and Laura MacLind; and one brother, Kenneth Williams.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

No services will be held. According to the family's wishes, the remains will be cremated.

Memorials may be made to Madison County Hospice or the Parkinson's Association.

## Herbert W. Wirth

**HERBERT E. WIRTH**, 80, of Baldwin, Ill., died Sunday, Jan. 24, 1999, at St. Clement Hospital in Red Bud.

He was born Nov. 4, 1918, in Baldwin. Mr. Wirth was a retired farmer and truck driver and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanetha (Konzel) Wirth, whom he married Nov. 15, 1942; three sons, Robert, Ronald and Richard Wirth, all of Baldwin; one sister, Erna Beck of St. Louis; and four grandchildren, Greg, Becky, Joshua and Ashley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Louise (Jung) Wirth; and one brother, Edwin Wirth.

Services will be held today, Wednesday, Jan. 27, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Baldwin, with the Rev. Leroy Eckert officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or St. John's Lutheran Church.

# Three charged with Kafka killing

By Steve Whitworth  
Staff writer

Three men were charged Friday with two counts each of first-degree murder in last month's slaying of an Edwardsville man during an attempted carjacking outside his home.

The three are charged with the Dec. 22 killing of Michael A. Kafka, of the 1400 block of Madison Avenue in Edwardsville.

One of the suspects was in custody at the Edwardsville Police Department briefly on the night of the killing, being questioned about a telephoned bomb threat that investigators believe was a diversion.

The suspects charged are: Jeremy G. Harris, of the first block of Azalea Court in Edwardsville; Steven D. Jarrell, of the 300 block of South Vernon Street in Marine; and Fernandez V. Lusk, of the 300 block of Riggins Road in Troy. Each of the suspects is 21 years old.

All three were being held at the Madison County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bail each set by Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr.

Kafka, 30, was found shot to death inside his car, which was parked in the driveway of his home.

Kafka's parents, Frank and Mary Kafka, of the 100 block of Third Street, reported he left his house about 6:30 p.m. on the night of the killing after picking up a videotape there.

Kafka's wife, Michelle, called 911 at 8:44 p.m. to report she had found her husband inside his car, bleeding from the nose and

mouth and apparently not breathing.

Michael Kafka, who had been shot through the heart with a 9mm pistol, probably died instantly, authorities said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine and Edwardsville Director of Police Bennett Dickmann said at a news conference Friday that they think the killing was random and occurred during an attempted carjacking.

"The motive of this offense was to rob the automobile owned by Michael Kafka," Haine said. "Apparently, he resisted, and he was shot to death."

The plan was to use the automobile in the commission of another offense," Haine refused to disclose which suspect is believed to have been the shooter.

Haine and Dickmann acknowledged that a 911 telephone call was received by Edwardsville police about 6:45 p.m. on the night of the killing.

The caller made a bomb threat against the Wal-Mart store in Glen Carbon, police said. Haine said the call

apparently was intended as a diversion by the suspects to distract attention from the crime they intended to commit after stealing a car.

The call was made from the HandDee Mart convenience store, just across North Main Street from Edwardsville police headquarters.

In an interview Friday, Dickmann "reluctantly" confirmed that Lusk was taken into custody by city police investigating the bomb threat shortly after the call was placed from the HandDee Mart.

"He was taken into custody at their premises but was released. We felt it was necessary at the time."

Dickmann wouldn't comment about whether Lusk was believed to have been present at the scene of the shooting.

The police are providing information charging the suspects alleged the killing occurred during an attempt to commit a forcible felony — namely, armed robbery. The second count states the suspects shot Kafka "knowing such act created a strong probability of death or great bodily harm."

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## Filing begins for municipal elections

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candidates Lowell Travis, Donald Lee Ridgeway, and Michael Pagano.

Presswood is heading the Neighbors party, which also includes Lara Dschwal for clerk and Dave Levy, Dotty Kelly and Brian Babilis for trustees.

In Granite City, candidates will be vying for seven four-year terms and two two-year terms. Those filing were: 1st Ward, incumbent Bob Page; 2nd Ward, Jim Miller; 3rd Ward, Larry Rudder and incumbent Robert Wofford; 5th Ward, two-year term; Ted Hoffman and incumbent Lurton Pulley; four-year

term; incumbent Eddie Asadorian, Tom Candler and Brenda Whitaker; 6th Ward, two-year term; incumbent Mac Warfield; four-year term; incumbent Sandy Shaw; 7th Ward; incumbent Bob Cook.

Incumbent Street Superintendent Jerry Lakin has also filed.

In the city of Madison, incumbents Steve Hampsy, Alexis Lux, Norris Horton, Rochelle Williams-Gardner, Ted Ostrenga and Sue Miller have filed.

In Venice, four council seats are up for grabs. Filing petitions Monday were incumbents Celestine Williams, Victor Valentine and Harold Wilson.

In local school board elections, all three incumbents in the Granite

City School District—Jeff Parker, Ron Dillard and John Caudron—filed petitions Monday.

In the Madison School District, three seats are open.

Filing Monday were incumbents Sharon Cass and Joseph Garcia, along with challengers Lynda Becker and Rev. John W. Love Jr.

In the Venice School District, two seats—one two-year and one four-year—are up for grabs. Nobody had filed petitions for those seats as of Monday.

Other local elections include two six-year terms at the Granite City Library District, one seat on the Granite City Park Board and three seats on the Venice Park Board.

## SWIDA opens new office in Collinsville

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Orbital. "It's brand-new facilities for us and, I think, a new future for us."

He said the new office, which occupies about 2,000 square feet—double the old office—gives them "good quality space" and many advantages over the old location.

One of the major improvements is image, which is very important for SWIDA.

"It really presents the kind of image we need to present," he said. "In the economic development field, we're dealing with private business and we're dealing with multi-million dollar projects. They expect the look of an operation that has the know-how to help them get their projects done."

The building also has good parking and is handicapped-accessible.

"We've doubled our space here," he said. "We have a real nice board room and some good office space. It really

makes for a nice facility."

The remaining 3,200 square feet of space in the building is rented to UserTech, a computer training company. Speakers at the ribbon-cutting ceremony included SWIDA Board Chairman Terry Shaefer, State Reps. Tom Holbrook, Ron Stephens, Jay Hoffman and Steve Davis, and State Sen. Evelyn Bowles.

Bowles said SWIDA is "extremely important" to the region.

## Children playing key role in papal visit

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for the trip originated, the Diocese in St. Louis offered 500 tickets for youth in the Springfield area and it took fewer than two weeks after their availability to distribute them.

Collette Kennett, director of the Catholic Youth Organization of the Belleville Diocese, said there is a lot of interest in the event from children in her diocese as well.

"We are going to have a significant group of children participating, and I've been getting a lot of calls from young people anxious to take part," she said.

Kennett said the Diocese expected to register between 660 to 800 young people to take part in the Kiel Center rally and other events surrounding

the visit. "Our diocese covers 28 counties in the Southern Illinois area and we have representation from several of those counties, including Nashville, DuBois, Cahokia and Valmeyer. Southern Illinois is very well represented."

The Diocese held a youth vigil Monday outside of The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville to begin the celebration.

The following morning, celebrants went to the MetroLink station near the Casino Queen to ride to the front of the St. Louis Arch to march in the mile-long walk from the Arch to the "Papal Plaza" called "Walk in the Light Pilgrimage."

"Papal Plaza" is the name given to the site surrounding the Kiel Center. Kennett said those

participating in all events, from the overnight vigil to the rally paid \$31. Those taking part in everything but the overnight vigil paid \$25. This includes cost of travel, a special sweatshirt made for the occasion and the rally itself.

The shirt has a picture of Pope John Paul on the front and the back has an inscription reading, "Pope John Paul II, the Belleville Diocese Welcomes You."

"This is an event of a lifetime, something the children will never forget," Kennett said.

Pope John Paul II has traveled more extensively than any Pope in modern history. His last trip included a historic Mass in Cuba last January.

## Final Mitchell decision due within week

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courtroom as Keith Jensen, representing Granite City and Pontoon Beach, called the quibble over the publication of the ordinance

"an academic issue." Jensen said Sinclair never offered proof that the ordinance wasn't published by the Granite City Clerk's office.

Dennis Brandt, an attorney representing Union Electric (now AmerenUE),

said the proposed map cuts off his client from ever being annexed into Granite City. He said Mitchell supporters hope to "snatch up" the Union Electric property if they become a village.

Attorneys also argued that the "Poag area" near Edwardsville and the Gateway Industrial zone, which includes the Dial plant, should not be included in the proposed Mitchell map.

Although expected to return a decision by week's end, Bono will need to decide the latest fate of Mitchell by Feb. 11, which is the deadline for turning in proposals for the April ballot.

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## County Board votes to review Bathon records

By Paul Mackie Staff writer

The Madison County Board voted Wednesday to review records in the county auditor's office, amid allegations that former Auditor Fred Bathon transferred items to his new office improperly.

The board unanimously agreed to seek bids for an independent auditing firm to check the 1998 year-end auditor's books. Bathon, now the county treasurer, announced in December he was transferring the furniture.

"We brought some equipment, but they have all that information. It's all documented on the fixed assets and claim reports," Bathon said.

Finance Committee Chairman William Little, D-Altou, said an independent audit will cost the county about \$2,000 and was requested by the auditor's office.

"Anyone who takes over a department can request an independent audit," Little said.

H. Jack Frandsen replaced Bathon as Madison County Auditor last month. Frandsen said he only wants to be responsible for what was in the office when Bathon left.

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said the County Board had sufficient reason and authority to approve the special audit of Bathon's former office.

"This is not a waste of money if the audit is designed to answer reasonable questions," Haine said.



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We sometimes forget that retirement is not a 20th century invention. With the relatively recent introduction of IRAs, 401(k)s and pensions, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that people have always looked forward to, and planned for, retirement.

In fact, 2,000 years ago, Roman statesman Cato the Elder wrote, "Cessation of work is not accompanied by cessation of expenses."

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Jeff Prosser

almost any American worker can save in this way.

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You can accomplish similar results. Each year, working Americans dedicate million of dollars to personal retirement plans as IRAs or 401(k)s because of the limitations and uncertainty of Social Security.

They realize that, historically, personally investing in the future of American enterprise is a sure approach to a secure retirement.

## 75 years of local history on display at Edwardsville Chamber dinner

By Steve Whitworth  
Staff writer

Seventy-five years of civic history will be on display and two prestigious awards were to be handed out at the annual meeting of the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber held its 75th annual meeting, as well as its 12th annual auction, at Sunset Hills Country Club. The event was sold out ahead of time with a waiting list for those hoping to squeeze in if there were cancellations. More than 300 people were expected to attend.

Among the highlights of the evening was the presentations of the Albert Cassens Outstanding Service Award and the Athena Award. The names of the winners were announced at the meeting. The Cassens Award was established by the chamber in 1993. Nominees must have given freely of their time to the community, be active, upstanding citizens and have

The auction was to feature about 300 items, including... items related to record-setting slugger Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals (and)... tickets to a number of sporting events in the St. Louis area.

made an impact during the 1998 calendar year.

The Athena Award goes to an individual who has generously assisted women in attaining their full potential. Men and women are eligible for the award. Nominees must live or work in the community or geographic area. They also must be members of the chamber or be employed by a member firm.

The auction was to feature about 300 items, including baseballs signed by the 1998 state champion Edwardsville High School baseball team and items relating to record-setting slugger Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Other items to be auctioned included a basketball signed by Saint

Louis University coach Charlie Spoonhour; pearl and diamond necklaces; art and sculpture donated by the artists; and tickets to a number of sporting events in the St. Louis area, including Cardinals baseball and St. Louis Blues hockey games, as well as auto racing events at Gateway International Raceway in Madison.

Many of the chamber's past presidents were attend the meeting, including Albert Cassens, who served as president in 1944, and Delores Rohrkaste, who held the post in 1953. The chamber's outgoing president, Tom Lauer, was to present a synopsis of the group's 75-year history and a slide show.

## Nursing Home appeal under way

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

An appeal to close the Madison County Nursing Home began Thursday when lawyers met in Springfield.

However, lawyers said they still don't see an end to the ongoing, three-sided quarrel. Two union employees of the home and four relatives of home residents were represented by attorney Melissa Auerbach, of the Chicago firm Cornfield and Feldman.

"Nobody was able to say how long this process will take," Auerbach said. "One attorney said it will be talked about at the next date."

Another preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 17. All proceedings in the case will be heard in the law office of Richard Hart, who was hired by the state as the administrative law judge.

On Thursday, Madison County was represented by County Administrator James Monday and Assistant State's Attorney John Gilbert.

Edward Bruno is representing the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, which denied the county's initial request to close the home.

County officials have been attempting to close the Nursing Home, 2121 Troy Road, since March, when voters rejected a tax increase and a referendum to fund construction of a modern home.

Officials said the home is in poor condition, hazardous to its residents and costly to operate. At the next scheduled hearing, lawyers are expected to have finished preparing the record for the case.

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## Health AIDS

Medical advances in treating people with HIV or AIDS has related deaths to significantly in St. Clair counties officials said this.

The most recent comprehensive of Illinois Department of Health compared 1996 and showed a decline in AIDS deaths during that period.

In Madison County, deaths decreased from 1996 to three in 1997, dropped from 18 in 1996 to three in 1997, County posted no deaths either year.

"The decline in medical advances in the past couple of years, having a dramatic impact on helping those with AIDS live longer," John R. Lumpkin, health director.

Lumpkin said cause for optimism against complacency battle against AIDS. "While it is encouraging the

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## Health officials: Madison, St. Clair AIDS deaths take significant drop

Medical advancements in treating people infected with HIV or AIDS has caused related deaths to drop significantly in Madison and St. Clair counties, state health officials said this week.

The most recent comprehensive data from the Illinois Department of Public Health compares 1997 figures to 1996 and shows a 52 percent decline in AIDS-related deaths during that period.

In Madison County, AIDS deaths decreased from nine in 1996 to three in 1997. Similarly, deaths in St. Clair County dropped from 18 to 11. Monroe County posted no AIDS-related deaths either year.

"The decline signals that medical advancements made in the past couple years are having a dramatic impact in helping those with HIV and AIDS live longer," said Dr. John R. Lumpkin, state public health director.

Lumpkin said the decline is cause for optimism but warned against complacency in the battle against AIDS. "While it is indeed encouraging that the use of

potent drug combinations has revolutionized AIDS care and saved lives, the fight against AIDS still must be won by preventing HIV infection in the first place," he said.

There were 569 HIV/AIDS deaths in the state in 1997, down from the 1,186 deaths reported in 1996. The number of HIV/AIDS deaths was the lowest annual total since 500 were recorded in 1988.

Deaths from AIDS peaked in 1995 when 1,494 were reported, then decreased for the first time in 1996. The drop accelerated in 1997. Figures for 1998 will not be available until the fall of this year.

About 22,000 persons from Illinois have been diagnosed with AIDS since the disease was first identified in 1981 and 64 percent of them have died. It is estimated 28,000 to 39,000 others may be infected and living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"No one should mistake this positive news as an end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that has taken the lives of nearly 14,000 Illinoisans," Lumpkin said. "The best way to curb this

disease is to prevent it from happening in the first place. "People must use their knowledge of how this disease is spread to protect themselves from infection. They should refrain from sexual activity that can place them at risk; practice safer sex, such as consistently and correctly using a latex condom; and avoid the use of illegal drugs."

HIV deaths fell among both males and females, but men saw the biggest decline. Deaths among men fell 55 percent, from 1,006 in 1996 to 453 in 1997, while deaths among women declined 36 percent from 180 in 1996 to 116 in 1997.

Along racial lines, the drop in deaths was most prominent among white males, down 82 percent from 482 in 1996 to 81 in 1997, compared with a 47 percent drop among black males from 513 in 1996 to 271 in 1997. Deaths among white females fell 61 percent from 66 in 1996 to 26 in 1997, while deaths among black females decreased 23 percent from 114 in 1996 to 88 in 1997.



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### Holiday dinner

The Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City recently held a delayed Christmas dinner at the church's community center. Entertainment was provided by the John Huff guitarist group, pictured above. A singalong was held with the group. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at the community center.

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The March of Dimes Greater Missouri Chapter, Metro-East Division, has announced that Steve Grant from TheBank of Edwardsville will serve as the 1999 WalkAmerica Chairperson.

Grant, Retail Sales Manager with TheBank, brings five years of solid community volunteer leadership experience to the chapter's WalkAmerica Committee.

In his role as chair, Grant will be responsible for recruiting business leaders to serve on the WalkAmerica Volunteer Committee, directing efforts to recruit companies and organizations throughout Edwardsville and Madison

County to form Walk America teams of employees and their families and secure sponsorship dollars.

WalkAmerica will take place on April 24 in three locations in the Metro-East Area. In Edwardsville, it will take place at Edwardsville Middle School. More than 700 walkers will raise money to support the March of Dimes lifesaving mission by taking the walk that saves babies.

"Each year in America, 150,000 babies are born with a birth defect," said Grant. "When people contribute to WalkAmerica, they play an important role in helping to change that number. In 29

years, WalkAmerica has raised more than \$1 billion, and is the biggest walking event in the country. With this event, every dollar has an impact.

WalkAmerica holds great promise for future generations. It helps fund important March of Dimes research into gene therapy and the prevention of premature labor, programs that help women get prenatal care, and education about folic acid, the B vitamin that helps prevent serious birth defects of the brain and spinal cord.

"We are pleased to have Steve Grant as the 1999 WalkAmerica chairperson," said Patricia Berchoff, Division Director for the

Metro-East March of Dimes.

"With his leadership and guidance, along with the community's support, we can make our division and chapter's WalkAmerica one of the best ever and continue our 60-year track record of lifesaving breakthroughs for babies."

The March of Dimes is the national nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

For more information, visit the March of Dimes home page on the World Wide Web at [www.modimes.org](http://www.modimes.org).

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# Health care no laughing matter to subject of Williams movie

By Bethany Behrhorst  
Staff writer

He dresses in loud, colorful garments and wears a red rubber nose to draw a smile from his patients, but health care is no laughing matter to Dr. Hunter "Patch" Adams. The well-loved, blue-haired man stood in front of an audience at a press conference at the Sheldon Concert Hall in St. Louis on Thursday where he welcomed questions prior to an evening appearance.

The doctor, who resides in West Virginia, recently had his life story told on the big screen in the movie "Patch Adams" starring Robin Williams. He has operated the Gesundheit Institute, a medical practice based out of his home, for

nearly two decades. Adams has provided free treatment for more than 15,000 patients. Adams said he was not surprised by the success of the blockbuster film that dared to examine the doctor/patient relationship, as well as humanity and compassion in the health care industry.

"It's a meaningful representation of value," he said. "It's funny, compassionate, simplified and straightforward. Society is dying for that message to come out. We're in a society that values money and power."

His goal through fund-raising activities and meeting with health insurance companies and physicians is to generate enough money to build a

40-bed facility on 310 acres of property in West Virginia. Adams said the free-care hospital will serve the medically underserved of the region.

He is looking for donations from around the globe to make his lifelong dream a reality.

"For the first 16 years I couldn't get anyone to talk about our work," Adams said. "We'll be the first silly hospital in history."

Challenging the current medical system is something Adams said he feels is imperative in order to protect the existing freedoms of individuals throughout the world. Through his efforts, Adams hopes to make a difference in the way doctors and their patients interact and

the way insurance companies treat consumers of their services.

"We are a stimulant and an irritant," he said.

Adams said he hopes he sends the message to other physicians, health care providers, insurance companies and the public that with the right approach, anything can be accomplished. He also said existing deplorable health care conditions need to be fixed to meet the needs of the patients receiving them.

By talking to his patients and listening to what they say, Adams said he is able to empathize with those he swore to help when he became a doctor. By putting on a shiny, red nose and flashy clothing,

he said he feels he can put his patients at ease when they come to him for care.

"I hear people's desires and wants and I respond to them," he said. "I've lived into the river of giving and I'm still swimming."

His special message to physicians, especially young physicians and medical students beginning their professional lives, was to follow their hearts to create the practices of their dreams.

"Love people and follow

your dreams," Adams said. Adams said healing should be "a loving, creative, humorous human interchange, not a business transaction."

The appearance at the Sheldon was sponsored by Health Partners of the Midwest, KTRS-AM radio and AMC Theatres. Contributions can be sent to the Gesundheit Institute through the fulfillment service, Health Partners of the Midwest, P.O. Box 25465, St. Louis, Mo., 63125.

## New Veterans Clinic opens for business in Belleville

By Ellen O. Drenkhahn  
Correspondent

Metro East veterans now have an opportunity to receive primary health care at a certified Veterans Administration medical clinic without crossing the Mississippi River.

The Belleville Veterans' Clinic recently opened its doors for the first time at the Notre Dame Hills Medical Building at 29 North 64th St., Belleville. The facility is part of the Heartland Veterans Network, encompassing VA medical centers in Eastern Kansas, Missouri, and Southern Illinois.

According to VA spokesman John Patrick, the clinic is in response to a nationwide push to bring quality health care for veterans closer home.

"The VA nationwide is trying to bring services for veterans into the communities where veterans live. A recent survey indicated that Belleville and East St. Louis had one of the highest veteran populations," Patrick said.

That survey, as well as conversations with local veterans, indicated that the distance to medical care was a concern for many, Patrick said.

Before the opening, local veterans had to drive to St. Louis to receive treatment at either the VA Hospital at Jefferson Barracks or the

North Grand Avenue location. "Certainly, with an aging veteran population,

unpredictable St. Louis weather, traffic congestion, and parking concerns, some veterans may have ignored health problems because of the distance (to treatment). This clinic should help relieve some of those stress factors," Patrick said.

The role of the new clinic is to provide primary care services, follow up care, and referral to specialty or hospital care. The clinic does not provide emergency medical care.

Eligibility for services is determined through a screening process. Veterans currently enrolled for VA services in St. Louis will be screened for appropriateness of medical condition and offered the option of receiving primary care services at the Belleville clinic.

The clinic has been designed to serve 2,500 patients in the first year of operation. The staff includes one doctor, a nurse practitioner, a nurse coordinator, one other nursing staff and patient services assistance.

Even before the official grand opening at 1 p.m. Feb. 18, Patrick is predicting a future expansion.

"If we get the kind of response we expect, we will be

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## Tax season kicks off with Federal W-2 form deliveries

By Becky Garrison  
Staff writer

Federal W-2 forms will be sent out this week, ushering in tax season.

Along with all the forms, booklets and schedules comes some good news: Local tax preparers are predicting the process will be taking less of a toll on the wallet this year.

Employees at H & R Block Premium office in Fairview Heights are gearing up for the influx of customers.

Marcie Mitchell, an agent for H & R Block, said the new tax laws will bring a nice break for taxpayers. "I think a lot of taxpayers will be pleasantly surprised," she said.

Mitchell said W-2s, 1099s, earned interest and dividend statements, sale of stock information, real estate tax receipts and other correspondence that says "Important Tax Information," are among things people should remember to bring when coming to their office.

"You must also bring Social Security cards for dependents, even if they are newborn," she said.

If itemizing, Mitchell recommends bringing medical expenses, mortgage interest statements, charitable contribution records and employee business expenses.

She said that if you are changing tax offices, it is helpful to bring a copy of the previous year's return.

"We encourage customers to call if they have questions about what to bring," Mitchell said.

New tax laws changes affect interest paid on qualified student loans, increased standard deductions and exemption amounts, child tax credits, education credits and laws affecting the Roth IRA.

"The new law that will impact most Americans is the Child Tax Credit," Mitchell said. "It's excellent for middle income families."

Mitchell said business will

pick up in the next week.

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Here's our second of two stories devoted to seed starting. In Wednesday's article we covered the basics of seed starting. If you missed the story, here's a quick review.

- Use only containers with drainage holes. If you are using an old container, clean it thoroughly with a weak solution of household bleach and water then rinse thoroughly.
- Do not use soil from the garden: instead use peat-based potting mixed (available at Frank's).
- Sow the seeds evenly in rows, at depths indicated on packages, or twice as deep as the seeds are wide.
- Refer to the chart in last Sunday's Journal for a list of planting dates.

**Getting Started**  
If you start different seeds in the same container at the same time, you should try to sow seeds that germinate at about the same rate. After you have sown them, label the container with the seed name and planting date. To keep the seeds moist, cover the container with clear plastic. This allows light to reach the seeds. If the plastic is on tight, you may not need to water the seeds until after they germinate.

Place the container where it will receive bright, but indirect sunlight. A warm spot near an east or west window is a good place. If you can't place the seeds near a window, set them under fluorescent lights. Hang the lights three to six inches above the container. Keep the lights on continuously, or at least 12 to 14 hours each day.

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Water thoroughly so your mix does not dry out. If the seeds are small or very fine, don't pour water over the top of the potting mix. You'll just bury or wash away the seeds. Instead, fill a flat-bottom sink with one to two inches of water. Your kitchen sink or laundry tub will do fine. Set the container in the water,

letting the mix soak it up. The mix is moist when the top glistens with water droplets. Remove the container from the sink and let any excess water drain.

**Seed Care After Germination**  
When the seeds germinate, pull back a corner of the plastic. After a few days, remove the cover. Place the seedlings in full sun or 6" to 8" below the fluorescent lights. Keep the potting mix moist, but not soaked.

Young seedlings are sensitive to moisture. Too much or too little can kill them. Feed them a liquid or water-soluble plant food at the recommended rate.

The first leaves that will appear are the food leaves (cotyledons). They are a temporary food source and almost always fall off once "true" leaves appear. When two sets of true leaves emerge, thin plantlets or transplant seedlings into individual pots.

**Transplanting Seedlings**  
To transplant seedlings, fill a clean container with a moist, peat-like potting mix. Then, using a plant label or pencil, gently lift the seedling from its container. Handle the seedling by the root ball, not by the stem. It is fragile and easily crushed. Set the seedling in the hole at the depth it was previously growing and gently firm the mix around the roots. Continue to provide light, water and fertilizer.

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# Sports

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## Surprises make Class A playoffs fun to follow

While Nashville remains the favorite to reach this year's IHSA Class A boys basketball state finals, there's a mystique about the small schools division that makes it as enjoyable as Class AA.

After the Hornets won their record third consecutive Mater Dei Holiday Tournament, I wondered which school would challenge Nashville and if there would be any surprises as in 1995 when Breese Mater Dei and Lebanon reached the Class A final sixteen.

The surprises were not so much in the form of the losses as Mater Dei fell 51-43 to Harrisburg at SIU-Carbondale and Lebanon lost 64-33 to Strasburg Stewardson at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The shock came in the supersectional at Olivet Nazarene in Kankakee, where unranked Chicago Tabernacle Christian nearly upset the state's No. 1-rated Aurora Christian before falling 65-61.

Aurora eventually lost 66-54 to fifth-ranked Normal University in the championship game in 1995, but Chicago Tabernacle with a record of 28-2 and a final record of 28-2 — was, indeed, most conspicuous.

If anything, the tiny Chicago school proved it could compete against larger schools — something point guard Ephraim Eaddy continues to do today as a starter for Northern Illinois University.

But in 1999, it will take a miracle (pardon the play on words) for Tabernacle Christian to advance in the state playoffs. Yet, see, the current enrollment at the South Side school is down to 24, including just nine boys. Of the male students, seven make up the Eagles basketball team, which is struggling in the Chicago Prep League. Since the school has no athletic budget and no home court, the boys must pay a \$6 transportation fee for each game.

That makes me appreciate even more the small school tourney.

### Overtime

Players who saw action for Lebanon in the 1998 state tourney were: Neal Cotts, Richard Douglas, John Plick, Chad Kerkick, Jason Kunz, Duan Roth, Farnell Roulds, Adam Schieppe, Eric Schwehr, Justin Tarver, Steve Walraven and DeMarcus Walker.

Mater Dei players included Matt Becker, Brad Bryan, Duane Goebel, Kurt Kelmer, Jeff Kehrer, Nathan Kreke and Luke Woltering.

### Footnotes

The money may never reach the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association, this area's high school hockey club league, but the Chicago Blackhawks reportedly are lending financial support to Illinois prep hockey.

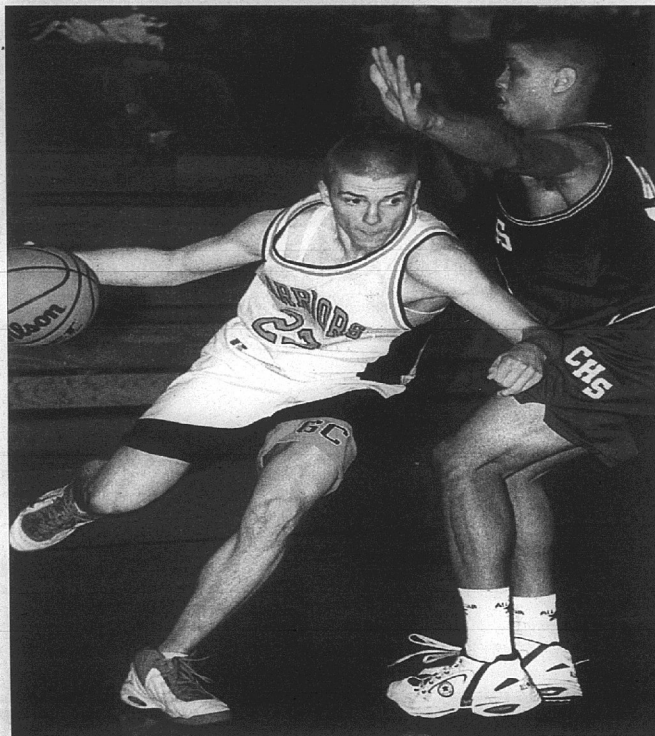
"We're trying to develop new hockey fans. If they play, they will watch," said Matt Collier, manager of special events for the Blackhawks.

According to Collier, there are 25,000 amateur hockey players in Illinois including 2,500 boys at 160 high schools.

"Illinois has seen an 11 percent increase in



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Sports Views



Granite City's Matt Pistorius scored in double figures last Thursday in the Warriors' win against Charleston.

## Warriors shot well in tourney opener at Salem

### Granite City gunned down Charleston in first round

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

With a flick of their wrists, Granite City stroked the nylon, shot lights out and buried Charleston 76-43 in the first round of the Salem Tournament last Thursday.

The victory raised the Warriors' record to 12-5 for the season. (Granite City went on to lose to Edwardsville and Effingham to conclude the tournament with a 12-7 mark.) "We just went out very aggressive," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "We shot a high percentage — Zack May was 5 for 6, Matt Pistorius was 5 for 10, Chris Simpson was 1 for 1, Chris Findall was 7 for 9, Kevin Elliott was 1 for 1, Teddy Wallace was 1 for 2. That's an awfully high percentage."

Twenty for 28, or 71.4 percent, to be exact. "The Warriors didn't have any letdowns or inconsistencies, scoring 18 points in the first period, 19 in the second, 19 more in the third, and 20 in the fourth." "It was pretty balanced," VanBuskirk said. "The kids went out and played hard. The shots went in and that made it easy. You saw the other

extreme of that, how difficult it was last Friday against Collinsville (a 53-28 loss on Jan. 15) when we didn't make baskets. It was exactly the opposite (Thursday), we made baskets and that made it much easier."

May led the way for the Warriors with 16 points, four assists and two steals. Findall had 14 points, two rebounds and three steals. Pistorius had 11 points and four assists. In the Warriors' previous game, a 55-52 victory against Florissant (Mo.) McCluer North in non-conference action, they had some problems getting into their half-court offense at the beginning of the third quarter and the Stars took advantage. No such worries this time.

"When we score 20 points a quarter, we aren't having any trouble," VanBuskirk said. "They tried to play us with a zone defense and that caused us some trouble for just a little while, but not too much. When you shoot that high percentage, there isn't much the other team can do. They played man-to-man most of the rest of the game and we just did a good job of running our man-to-man offense."

The Warriors, who play only

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## Flyers dominated final minutes vs. Vashon

### East St. Louis hopes win is springboard to state

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The East St. Louis boys basketball team had been on another hot streak against Illinois competition — four straight victories — before heading to the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis on Jan. 18.

The opponent was one of Missouri's most storied basketball programs, St. Louis Vashon, coached by Floyd Irons and unbeaten heading into the contest. But the Flyers still were

unstoppable, using a 17-4 run in the final four minutes of the game to defeat Vashon 66-52 in the St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation's annual Coca-Cola/Magic 105-FM Martin Luther King Basketball Classic.

East St. Louis 6-foot-9 junior center Darius Miles put an exclamation point on the outcome with an emphatic windmill slam to close the game. "Vashon kind of tricked me a little bit," East St. Louis coach Dennis Lewis said. "I thought they would

maybe slow the game down because we have a little size on them, but they didn't. They came out and brought it to us, which was real good for the fans because everybody likes to see a game with a lot of action in it. This one had quite a lot of action in it."

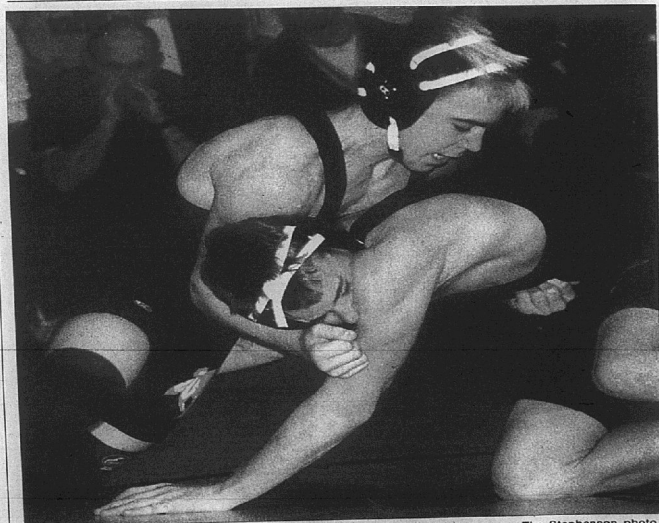
The Flyers trailed by six after the first quarter and by five at halftime. They turned the tables in the third quarter and led by five going into the fourth quarter. The Wolverines pulled even at 48-48

with four minutes to go on Joel Shelton's fourth 3-pointer of the game. But on the following possession, East St. Louis' Darrell Hawkins took a long pass and scored a layup to get the Flyers were off and running.

"At halftime, coach told us about blocking out and crashing the boards," Flyers forward Philip Gilbert said. "They got up on us, but after that we tried to block them out and get boards. We came back and got the victory."

"We weren't rebounding on the

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Granite City's Jake Trtanj wrestles in a recent match at 112 pounds for the Warriors, who are 17-0 this season.

## Granite City runs streak to 17 wins

### Warriors pick up 5 triumphs in 2 days

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors remained perfect at the Triad Wrestling quad Friday night, closing out the meet by crushing Jerseyville 72-3.

The Warriors had dominated Collinsville and Triad to start the night.

Granite City (17-0) added two more victories on Saturday, beating Mascoutah 66-12 and Matton 63-12. Against Jerseyville, Granite City won 10 of the 14 matches by pin, including one by 189-pounder Bobby Grammer, who has turned his season around since the holiday tournament at Granite City. Grammer pinned Corey Westfall in 39 seconds.

Paul Johnson had an even quicker pin for the Warriors at 125 pounds, taking out Jason Stahlschmidt in 18 seconds. On Saturday, Grammer pinned Mattoon's Josh Grant in 38 seconds and Mascoutah's Brandon Russell in 3:13.

Johnson won by forfeit against Mattoon and took out Mascoutah's Tom Forsythe in 31 seconds.

"This is the time you want to be at your best," Granite City coach Mike Garland said. "A couple of weeks before regionals, this is when you want to start putting things together. The coaches' jobs are done. It's up to the kids now — how bad do they want it and how hard do they want to work."

"Freshman Jacob Janek picked up a forfeit victory Saturday to run his record to 3-0. Of more consequence were his two victories in the quad Friday in his first two varsity matches. Janek won against Triad at 215 pounds and against Collinsville, by pin, in the heavyweight division.

"We got Jacob a couple of matches," Garland said. "That Triad kid he beat (Mike Hampton) could be one of the better kids of the year at the regional. We are just trying to get him some matches. We

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# Sports

## Hockey clubs will benefit from Blackhawks program

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participation in each of the last five years," he said. The Hawks sponsor three levels of hockey — street, in-line and ice hockey and 20 state championships for boys and girls, including the Blackhawks Cup in March. According to Jim Smith,

marketing director of the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois, "We would love hockey to be a sanctioned Illinois High School Association sport."

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ages 10-18. For registration information, call the SIUE athletic department at 650-2871.

### Soccer team

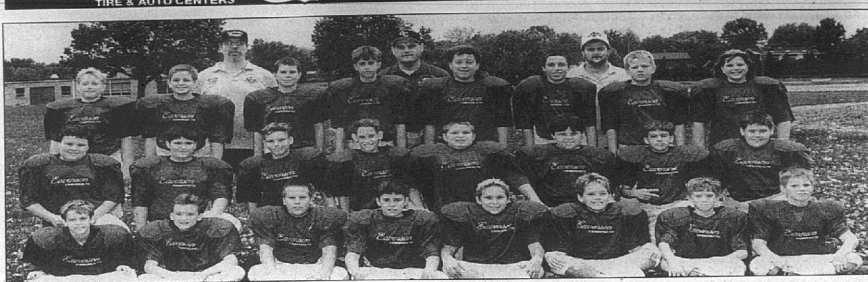
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# Bulldogs place second at Sparta, beat Venice to finish event

By Garen Vartanian  
Staff writer

A 19-3 second quarter run helped vault Waterloo past Venice 57-46 in final-round

action of the 35th annual  
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on Saturday.

The victory, coupled with Columbia's 74-62 triumph against Sparta on Saturday, gave the Bulldogs second place in tournament play.

Waterloo, which went 3-2 in the tournament, won for the fifth time in seven games and improved to 10-3 overall. "It was really a pretty good tournament," said Waterloo coach Jay Blossom. "I'm proud of the way we came out. I thought we did a good job of coming out tonight with our defense. I was real happy with

our defensive intensity. The big thing is we got a win. It's nice to win the last one, to have a little momentum going into (this) week's practice."

Leading 11-10 early in the second period, Rich Bachelder's basket began Waterloo's surge. After Zach Hopkins' field goal later made the score 17-12, Justin Nason recorded consecutive baskets to give Waterloo a 21-12 bulge. Brian Hoffmann added a 3-pointer while Nason posted

two more field goals and Jeff Harp registered a lay-in, capping the Bulldogs run and giving them a 30-13 halftime margin.

Venice (8-9), which went 1-4 in tournament play, wouldn't go quietly, cutting the deficit to 33-24 midway through the third quarter on John Chatman's three-point play. After later falling behind 50-34 in the fourth quarter, the Red Devils made one last charge, this time using a 6-0

burst to draw within 50-40 at the 3:09 mark. But Bachelder's dunk, his second in the fourth period, and five free throws helped Waterloo prevail.

Nason capped a strong tournament with a game-high 19 points while Bachelder posted 18 points and Harp added 10.

LeRon Cole paced Venice with 14 points, and Paul Roberts chipped in with eight.

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## Warriors shot well in tournament opener

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six players with regularity, were able to get in all of their plays with the big lead.

"Everybody played. All 15 kids played a lot," VanBuskirk said. "The varsity kids — the top six played at most a little over two quarters, so everybody played a lot. I was very happy to get the younger kids some time. In the

league we play in, you don't get that opportunity very often so it was a good feeling. The kids rooted for each other. It was good for the varsity kids to root for the younger kids to do well and applaud them when they did something well. Like the younger kids do when the varsity are playing. It was a good team effort from everybody." Granite City was reaching a critical point in the season — a point where last season went sour as the team fell from 11-7

to 11-17. "At this point in the season last year, from this point on, we didn't win another game," VanBuskirk said. "You can look at it a couple of different ways. You look at our schedule from now on and there are no easy teams on there, not one. We have to build some confidence to go into the toughest part of the schedule. Three of four weekends we play Edwardsville and Alton, then we play Belleville East and East St. Louis in one

weekend, and then we come back and play East St. Louis and Collinsville in a weekend, and in the middle of that we play Belleville West and Alton. You can still be a pretty good team and not win many of those games.

"Our luck went bad on us last year and we got playing bad and when you start losing, it is contagious. We have to make sure that doesn't happen."

## Flyers dominated final minutes vs. Vashon

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defensive boards correctly," Lewis said. "Once we started doing that, then we started to get some fast breaks in there. We weren't doing that in the first half. We got a couple, but we weren't doing it continuously. Once we got that started, then we kind of picked up and got the game going the way we wanted it to go. We

have to hit the boards, we have to play better defense and we have to get out on the fast break."

Hawkins led the Flyers with 18 points. Miles scored 16 and Gilbert added 12. Shelton led the Wolverines with 16.

"That's our 1-2-3 punch — Darius, Daniel and Philip," Lewis said. "Aluka Snow is

averaging about six or eight points a game and so is George Mumphard. Once they start contributing like they are supposed to and playing defense like they can, then we can substitute and put more players in. But right now we are trying to get this five solid, and once we get them solid we can start making substitutions." The Flyers' winning streak ended at six this past weekend

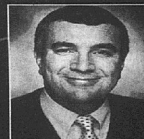
in Chicago when they lost 51-43 to Chicago Marshall to fall to 10-4.

But East St. Louis still hopes to use the win against Vashon as a springboard toward the IHSA state tournament.

"It was real good for both teams because we are getting ready for our playoffs," Lewis said. "So it's a good game for both of us."



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# Adams' charge lifts Flyerettes past Northeast

## East St. Louis senior pours in 16 fourth-quarter points in MLK Classic victory

By Rick Broom  
Staff writer

East St. Louis' appearance at the St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation's annual Coca-Cola/Majic 105-PM Martin Luther King Basketball Classic on Jan. 18 was a streaky one.

The good news for the Flyerettes was that the final streak made them victorious. East St. Louis, led by Rita Adams and LaKiesha Cole, rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Kansas City Northeast 55-50 at the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis.

The Flyerettes built a 17-7 lead behind Adams' 10 points.

But East St. Louis scored only six points in the second period and Northeast trailed by just three at halftime.

Kansas City Northeast used another streak in the third quarter to build a 38-31 lead heading into the final period.

Adams took over, scoring 16 points in the fourth — on a jumper, a three-pointer and 11 free throws.

She finished the game with 33 points.

"In the game, Rita was somewhat ill and I think it hampered her performance," East St. Louis coach Charles McDonald said. "Normally, she is a four-quarter, all-out basketball player. She didn't necessarily give us four quarters today, but I'm happy that she gave what she had. As

a coach that's the only thing that you can ask of a player."

"It was a good game," Adams said. "I think we played real well, but in the second and third quarter, we fell off. In the second quarter, we only scored six points, but we got it back together and got on it, and we told everybody, 'Let's do this thing.'"

Adams knew she would have to play a role for the Flyerettes to get back in the game.

"I'm the leader on the court, and I like to run the ballclub and when I want them to do things, they get ready and get in their spots and know what to do to win the game," Adams said.

The Flyerettes raised their season record to 14-1 with the

win. (They lost on Friday night against Chicago Marshall.)

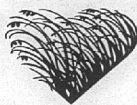
"It was a good ballclub that we played against, and we basically only played about two quarters of basketball tonight," McDonald said. "I think we took breaks when we shouldn't have been taking breaks. When we went up in the first quarter, we pretty much took a break against a quality ballclub. It gives me an opportunity to go back and discuss things with them. I'm glad for the win but I'm not necessarily happy with their performance."

Wildcats center Tamara Ransburg scored 11 points. Tenille Grant, who has signed with the University of Southern California, also had 11, but

was held scoreless in the fourth quarter as the Flyerettes made their comeback.

"Grant is a good young player, and I think she is going to be an excellent baller in the future," McDonald said.

"At times, we played well against her and pretty much contained her in the second half. She really showed what she could do in the second quarter, but after that point we made a few adjustments and did a better job on her."



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# Tigers prowl on undefeated Vandalia

## Edwardsville boasts 15-2 dual record, decent showing in tourneys

By Bill Hester  
Correspondent

Edwardsville wrestling coach Jon Wagner hopes that the best is yet to come with regionals on the horizon Feb. 6 at Jerseyville.

The Tigers certainly seem to be peaking at the right time after another impressive dual victory Thursday.

Vandalia came to town with an undefeated record (14-0) and a lot of success in recent years against the Tigers. But Edwardsville had the upper hand Thursday as it recorded a 52-18 victory. That improved the Tigers' dual record to 15-2.

The only dual losses have come against Granite City, which is also in the Jerseyville regional, and Mount Zion.

"We've shown to be a good dual team, but we've also done well in tournaments this season," Wagner said.

Edwardsville won the 16-team Mascoutah Tournament in December and also finished sixth in the Granite City Tournament and fifth in its most recent tournament, the

"The junior varsity has had a lot of success this season and the freshmen team won a 16-team tournament this weekend..."

Jon Wagner

Mahomet-Seymour Tournament just outside of Champaign on Jan. 16. The Tigers were just one-half of a point away from fourth place at the Mahomet-Seymour tourney and had a few close calls in championship matches.

Junior Joe Bevis and senior Sean Box faced undefeated wrestler from Mahomet-Seymour in the finals and each lost close matches.

Bevis fell to Brendan Hoffman, who is ranked No. 1 in the state, 6-4, at 180 pounds, while Box lost to Andy Ray, 6-5, at 171 pounds.

Edwardsville heavyweight

Nick Tarpoff, a junior, lost an overtime match to a wrestler from Washington in the championship.

Senior Scott Radcliff and junior Jerry Greenwood also placed in the tournament. Radcliff was fourth at 145 pounds, while Greenwood was fifth at 215 pounds.

Bevis has the top record on the team with a 26-3 mark. But six other wrestlers have already surpassed the 20-win plateau. They include: Tarpoff; Greenwood; Box; junior Jamey Hartley at 152 pounds; junior Josh Mercer at 135 pounds; and senior Ian

Law at 130 pounds.

Wagner has also gotten solid efforts from some younger wrestlers as freshman Chris McLean (103) and sophomores Jerry Ambury (112) and Caleb Robinson (119) all have winning records.

"The varsity team has done well but we've also had some good efforts from the junior varsity and freshmen teams," Wagner said. "The junior varsity has had a lot of success this season and the freshmen team won a 16-team tournament this weekend at O'Fallon and we had seven champs out of the 14 weight classes. The future looks bright."

The regular season ends this week for the Tigers. They face Altoona and Springfield High School today, Wednesday, at home and travel to Mascoutah Thursday to face Mascoutah and East St. Louis.

# Granite City grapplers run streak to 17 wins

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had our heavyweight sitting out because of discipline problems, so that's why Jacob snuck in there and got a couple of matches. Sometimes you have to do those things, some guys think the rules don't apply to everybody, but they do.

Jacob is definitely going to be on our dual team for the (IHSAA state) tournament. He could work in anywhere from 180 pounds to 215 to the heavyweight division. It depends on what weight we want him to weigh in at.

"It's kind of too soon to tell," Garland said. "I haven't really seen him that much because he has been down at the lower level a lot. I know he won like his brother (Jonas, who graduated in 1998), so I can say that. That really helps, for him to be winning matches like his brother. Hopefully he will keep that family tradition going, with the winning."

The Warriors take on Belleville East this Thursday and East St. Louis on Friday before closing out the regular season with a quad Saturday at Mahomet-Seymour in northern Illinois.

"They are all tough up there, but we have been wrestling those guys all year," Garland said. "We wrestled Mahomet several times and we wrestled New Lenox, so it shouldn't be anything new. It's just a matter of getting out there and executing and being tough and physical like they are. Keep going forward, don't back up."

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## Real-life story drives 'At First Sight'

What happens to a person who gains sight after a lifetime of blindness? This is the most compelling element of "At First Sight," an earnest, thoughtful drama based on a real event.

The best-selling author-physician Oliver Sacks provided the story in his book "An Anthropologist on Mars," Sacks has gained a reputation for uncovering unusual medical cases. One of them became the basis for the Robin Williams-Robert De Niro movie "Awakenings," which "At First Sight" resembles. Both illustrate the limits of medical miracles.

Virgil Adamson (Val Kilmer) works as a masseur at a high-priced mountain spa. He lives alone next door to his sister Jennie (Kelly McGillis), his long-time guardian. At night he listens to broadcasts of the New York Rangers and skates alone on a pond hidden in the woods.

Amy Benic (Mira Sorvino), a burned-out New York architect, arrives at the spa for the regimen of rest and yogurt. She becomes intrigued by the handsome young man who

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gives her a sensuous massage. Only afterward does she realize that he is blind (this is hard to believe).

A love affair ensues, and against Jenny's wishes, Virgil accompanies Amy to Manhattan. She helps him overcome his reluctance to consult with Dr. Charles Aaron (Bruce Davison), whose institute has developed new techniques for improving damaged sight.

Virgil fears the operation, and his sister opposes it. But Amy prevails. For the first time Virgil is able to see. In the beginning, the burst of light pains him. Soon he adjusts, but now he must grasp the elements of depth perception and other factors that children learn in their infancy. This is absorbing stuff.

Despite its good intentions,

the rest of "At First Sight" seems strangely unimpressive. The characters and events of Steve Levitt's screenplay have an air of predictability, and Irwin Winkler's direction lacks excitement. John Seale's cinematography contrasting the mountain greenery and the bold colors of Manhattan is a vital asset.

Val Kilmer, the most underrated of today's leading men, brings humanity and charm to the role of Virgil, and Mira Sorvino, in her first big lead role, shows she has what it takes. Kelly McGillis and Bruce Davison are strong in support, but Nathan Lane is wasted in a brief appearance as a blindness therapist.

The MGM release was produced by Winkler and Ron Cowan. Rated PG-13 because of adult material.

## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 Mars will continue battling through the dark realm of Scorpio, entered yesterday, for several months, making it difficult for people to know whether progress is really being made. It's a brilliant test of faith, and the outcome is all the more satisfying. Keep reminding yourself of past successes and lessons learned. Whether you realize it or not, you have accomplished truly amazing feats and can do it again!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 27). Passionate love is highlighted! Goals set in the next two weeks get a special touch of luck, whereas plans in March may have to be revised before they come to fruition. Virgo and Taurus are your partners in making money. Scorpio has a burning passion for you now. Marriage is likely in August.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are tempted to stray from your plan, but don't give in. Buy the latest books concerning your field. Interactions are aided by new education. Aggressive people impress you, but don't be easily persuaded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You could get hot tips and even coaching regarding romance. Be more aware of



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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Complimentary friends grace your life — a credit to your relationship skills. A career change involves travel and getting back to your original intention. Your mood is lifted by a personal shopping spree. Dine with company.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Family dominates, and you shrink away. Protection from overbearing people is easily found. Luck accompanies your decision to be enthusiastic for no good reason, especially if you are tired of a job or relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Blunt criticism leads to self-realization. You articulate your wants and needs more clearly, which is why others are responding so positively. Don't sign anything today. Friends with similar goals help each other get there quicker.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll find potential loves to be more egocentric than once thought. Empathy helps you get inside doors previously closed. The child in you is tempted to throw a tantrum.

## Edwardsville company performing classic Shakespeare comedy at SIUE

The Arts League Players of Edwardsville continue its 1998-99 season with a production of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Performances will run at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights for three weekends — Feb. 5-6, 12-13, and 19-20 in the Metcalf Theater on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"Twelfth Night, or What You Will" is a delightful comedy of lovers at cross-purposes, including crossed swords, crossed garters and cross-dressing.

This ALP production sets the play in the American South at the time of the Civil War, but its ping hearts, baffling hopes, and foolish drunks belong to all time. Tickets for the play are available at the door for \$6; students and seniors, \$4. Advance tickets at the same price are available at Stagger Inn Agency, 104 E. Vandalia, Edwardsville.

If purchasing tickets at the door, advance reservations are recommended at 656-1181. The theater is wheelchair-accessible; arrangements may be made by calling the reservation telephone number.

The Arts League Players' 1998-99 season is made possible in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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Tiffany & Co. also has the honor of creating the Pete Rozelle Trophy. Named for the late NFL commissioner whose distinguished career spanned nearly 30 years, the trophy is presented to the Most Valuable Player of the Super Bowl.

First awarded in 1991 at Super Bowl XXV, the shooting

star design is 18 inches high and hand-crafted from 86 ounces of sterling silver. The trophy is highlighted with vermeil, a centuries-old practice in which gold is applied over silver.

Fans and visitors to Miami can view a Super Bowl trophy on display at the NFL Experience from January 22-24 and January 28-31.

While the Super Bowl trophy is among the most famous of Tiffany custom designs, the company has created some of the most revered symbols of athletic achievement in every era of American sports history.

From the 1969 winner's trophy for the Belmont Stakes to the 1998 Hall of Fame trophy, baseball's first world championship trophy (the Commissioner's Trophy) to the magnificent yachting trophies on display at the New York Yacht Club to such present-day awards as the National

Basketball Association's Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy, the U.S. Open Tennis Championship Trophy and Major League Baseball's Commissioner's Achievement Award, Tiffany has celebrated the winners with lasting tributes to their moment of victory.

## Anheuser-Busch, Bud Bowl lead way in innovative advertising

The Super Bowl has become as synonymous with advertising as it is with football. Commercials on the telecast can be as memorable as any game-winning play or MVP performance, and year in and year out, one company — St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch — leads the way.

This year, the world's largest brewer again will be the game's premier advertiser with a record five minutes (nine spots) of commercial time.

Since 1989, Anheuser-Busch has been the exclusive beer category sponsor of the Super Bowl telecast, and over the last 10 years, the company has aired more than 70 ads during the big game.

"The Super Bowl is not only the title game for the NFL, it's

the showcase to premier outstanding new advertising each year," said August A. Busch IV, vice president of marketing, Anheuser-Busch Inc.

"For Budweiser, it's the perfect way to jump-start a great year of sales, and to entertain millions of beer drinkers who are football fans."

This year's Super Bowl will be televised on Fox (locally, KTVI-TV) on Jan. 31, and a Budweiser ad is scheduled to be the first commercial aired during the game.

Highlighting Anheuser-Busch's nine spots will be a series of ads featuring "Louie the Lizard" and his ongoing saga with the "Budweiser Frogs."

In last year's telecast, three Lizard ads ranked in the Top 6

of USA Today's "Ad Meter" survey of adult consumers. In addition to the new Lizard spots, a variety of Anheuser-Busch brands will be featured, including Bud Light and Michelob Light.

"According to the ratings, eight of the 10 most-watched TV programs in history are Super Bowls — including the top six — and in terms of audience reach, the game is the best advertising vehicle in the world," Busch said.

"With our lineup of top-shelf creative, Budweiser once again is poised to be the clear-cut winner of not only the beer wars around the world, but in the Super Bowl advertising arena."

For the next four years, millions of viewers who watch the Super Bowl will see beer brands from only one company advertised during the game —

those from Anheuser-Busch. Having secured agreements with Fox (1999, 2002), ABC (2000) and CBS (2001), the brewer has locked up beer category exclusivity on the Super Bowl telecast through 2002. This gives the company 14 consecutive years (1989-2002) as exclusive beer advertiser during the game.

"Our exclusive deals for these Super Bowls reaffirm Budweiser's role as the industry leader in advertising and sports marketing," Busch said.

"As the world's leading brewer, exclusivity is important for us and guarantees that when the millions of adults watching the Super Bowl think of a beer brand, they think of Budweiser and Anheuser-Busch."

This year, Bud Bowl '99 has expanded to the Internet. Anheuser-Busch has created the world's largest virtual stadium at <http://www.budbowl.com>, the first website of its kind developed exclusively to support a national beer promotion.

There, the famous longneck bottle squads are renewing their rivalry in Bud Bowl '99, and during the game, 100 lucky consumers could win the "Ultimate Cyber Room" valued at \$10,000 each.

The most recognized and longest-running promotion in the beer industry, Bud Bowl debuted in 1989 during the telecast of Super Bowl XXIII with the classic bottles vs. bottles match-up between Budweiser and Bud Light.

Consumers can participate in Bud Bowl '99 by collecting tickets from inside specially marked packages of Budweiser, Bud Light and Bud Ice products and over the Internet at the new [budbowl.com](http://budbowl.com) web site.

Each ticket has a section, row and seat number, giving consumers a "seat" in the Bud Bowl '99 "Cyber Stadium." A winning section in the "stadium" will be revealed during the Super Bowl telecast and at the web site. All fans "seated" in the winning section will win the "Ultimate Cyber Room."

Based in St. Louis, Anheuser-Busch Inc. brews Budweiser and Bud Light, the world's best-selling beers.

### Facts and figures for Sunday's Super Bowl XXXIII

Facts and figures on Sunday's Super Bowl XXXIII: WHAT: Super Bowl XXXIII, the National Football League's championship game.

WHO: The game is between the defending National Football League and American Football Conference champions, the Denver Broncos, and the National Football Conference champions, the Atlanta Falcons. This will be the Broncos' sixth trip to the game, their first since the 1977 season. Super Bowl XXXIII marks the Falcons' first-ever trip to the game.

WHERE: Pro Player Stadium, Miami, Fla., the home of the NFL's Miami Dolphins and National League's Florida Marlins.

AT STAKE: The National Football League championship and permanent possession of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, the award symbolizing the championship of the league. TELEVISION/RADIO: The game will be televised nationally on Fox (locally, KTVI-TV, channel 2), the

Fox-owned station in St. Louis). Pre-game programming begins at 10 a.m.; the game telecast itself begins at 5 p.m.

Radio coverage of the game will be provided by CBS Radio/Westwood One (locally, KPNS-AM 590 in Wood River/St. Louis).

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## Community Calendar

**Editor's note:** The community calendar contains items for the week of Jan. 27-Feb. 2. Events that occur every week are listed the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

### Organizations

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2086.

**MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA** Life Insurance Society meets the

last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravanelli's Restaurant.

**GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH**, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7396; and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

**METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION** meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

**ELKETTIE**, Granite City Lodge 1003, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August at the hall on Maryville Road. Call 931-3557.

**MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION** meets at 8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

**EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Eagles Home, 2558 Madison Ave.

Initiation is held the first meeting of each month and a social hour and refreshments following the meetings. For more information call Nina Jackson at 877-9808.

**MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION**, Granite City unit, meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month at Anchor-Age Recreational Center. For more information call 876-7026 or 931-9735.

**TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION** meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month at Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite

City.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL** meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at Shoney's, Highway 157 (44 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6026 or 344-2898.

**NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

**TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M.** meets at 7 p.m. the first and third

Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

### Seniors

**PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS** pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. the last Saturday of each month at 3915 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS** Chapter 1340 will not meet in November. Christmas dinner dance tickets will be sold 9 to noon every Monday to Friday. The dinner dance is set for Dec. 9 at the Granite City Township Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

## Park plans trip to Funk's Grove

A one-day trip is planned by the Granite City Park District for Tuesday, March 2, to Funk's Grove in Shirley, Ill., to witness pure maple/syrup production.

By the terms of the will of Hazel Funk Holmes, the woodlands on her property are to be preserved and the production of maple syrup is to continue. The syrup is produced at only a handful of places in the Midwest making for a large interest in the camp at Funk's Grove.

The cold weather crop has a short-lived season, and the same trip was planned last year and had to be cancelled because of a mild winter.

Another attraction of the day will be a visit to the Funk Prairie Home and Gem and Mineral Museum. The Funk Prairie Home stands as a testament to the strong family that lived in this home for more than 150 years.

It is a compelling story of the residence of an Illinois state senator and a co-founder and director of Chicago's Union Stockyards and a cattle king of Illinois, with many luxuries and items included way before their time.

Lunch will be included in the cost of the trip. The route home will follow that of the old legendary Route 66, which should bring back many memories to a lot of folks and a chance to reminisce.

A quick visit will be made at the Illinois Route 66 Museum/Hall of Fame at the Dixie Truckers Home in McClean, Ill., where displays and plaques, as well as other attractions of historical interest, are displayed.

The cost of the trip is \$34 per person, which will include the day's activities, lunch and the transportation cost.

Residents of the Park District will have priority in signing up, with non-residents placed on a waiting list and notified one week later.

Sign-ups will be taken beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

The next one-day trip sponsored by the Park District will be April 16 to the Dogwood/Azalea Festival in Charleston, Mo., with lunch at Lambert's Restaurant in Sikeston, Mo.

## BB/BS bowling event set March 6

Montclair Bowl in Edwardsville will be the site of the 1999 Campaign For Kids—Bowl For Kids Sake to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois on March 6.

Participants can bowl at either 12:30 or 2:30 p.m.

Funds raised will provide guidance and support to at-risk children in Madison and St. Clair counties. Participants enjoy two free games of bowling, free shoe rental, door prizes and free Domino's pizzas.

The BANK of Edwardsville, a participant for more than 12 years, last year sponsored nine teams. Regional Research and Development Services of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville also participated in 1998 with three teams. Both organizations assisted Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois in raising \$110,000 in pledges.

Grand prizes include 16 luxury box seat tickets with parking passes to the Kiel Center, round-trip tickets for two to any Southwest Airlines destination and a trip for two to Las Vegas. Area businesses have donated many gifts to be given away as door prizes.

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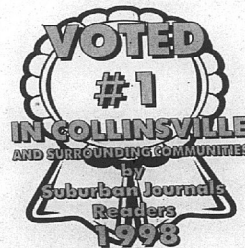
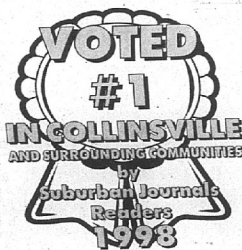
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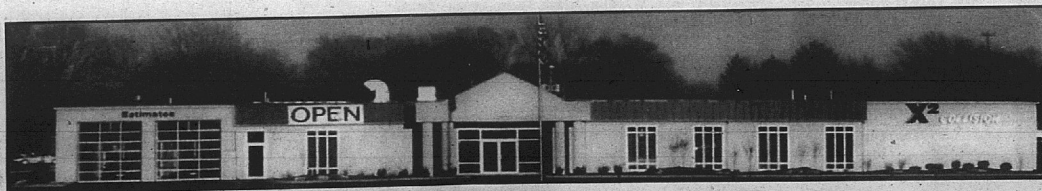
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The task of finding a competent auto technician is becoming a bit easier, thanks to the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, a non-profit group that tests and certifies the technical competence of individual automotive technicians.

With more than 350,000 currently certified technicians on its rosters, ASE is the only automotive certification group that is both national in scope and industry-wide. ASE-certified technicians can be found at every type of repair facility, from dealerships to independent garages.

ASE spells good news for consumers.

Prior to taking ASE certification tests, many technicians attend training classes or study after work in order to brush up on their knowledge. By passing difficult, national tests, ASE-certified technicians prove their technical competency to themselves, to their employers and to their customers.

ASE certifies only the technical competence of individual technicians, not the shop, its business practices, or the ethics of management and employees. But it stands to reason that shop owners who encourage their mechanics to become certified technicians will be concerned about the other aspects of their business. Likewise, because ASE's program is voluntary, technicians who have gone to the effort to earn ASE certification can be counted on to have a strong sense of pride in accomplishment.

How does ASE certification work? More than 100,000 technicians take ASE certification tests each May and November at more than 600 national locations. Technicians who pass at least one exam in their specialty and fulfill the two-year work experience requirement become ASE-certified, those who pass a battery of exams earn Master Technician status.

There are more than two dozen specialty exams covering all major areas of repair. There are eight tests for automobile technicians alone: engine repair, engine performance, electrical/electronic systems, brakes, heating and air conditioning, suspension and steering, manual drive train and axles, and automatic transmissions. There are also exams for collision repair/refinish technicians, engine machinists, parts specialists and medium/heavy truck technicians.

Certification is not for life. ASE requires its technicians to recertify every five years to keep up with technology. All ASE credentials have expiration dates.

How to find ASE-certified technicians

Repair establishments with at least one ASE-certified technician are permitted to display the ASE sign and otherwise publicize their certified employee(s). Each ASE technician is issued a personalized credential listing his/her exact area(s) of certification and an appropriate shoulder insignia. Technicians are also issued wall-sized certificates that their employers often post in the customer-service area.

Choosing an ASE-certified technician

As is the case with doctors, automotive technicians often specialize. Because ASE offers certification in all major technical areas of auto repair and service, it's wise to ask the shop owner or service manager specifically for a technician who is ASE-certified in the appropriate area, say, brakes, engine repair or air conditioning.

In short, the ASE program offers consumers objective information about the technical competency of individual technicians that they can use in their search for satisfactory automotive repair and service.

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# Car Care

## Oil filters should be changed at same time oil gets changed

If you have ever wondered why an oil filter should be changed every 3,000 miles or an air filter every 24,000 miles, consider this:

At 40 miles per hour, oil flows through the lubrication system at a rate of 3.5 gallons per minute—in other words, 210 gallons per hour.

After 3,000 miles, it's not the four or five quarts of oil in the system that you have to worry about. It's the 15,000 gallons of oil that have passed through the oil filter.

If your car gets 20 miles per gallon, it will burn two gallons of gasoline and 20,000 to 24,000 gallons of air in one hour. Even at an average 20 mpg, this air filter will have cleaned 13.2 million gallons of air over 24,000 miles. That is roughly 87 tons of air (at standard temperature and pressure).

This information comes from the engineers at Fram Filters. They have compiled some surprising statistics about oil and air filters and the damage dirt can cause to your engine.

**Oil Filters**  
Oil that lubricates and cools the engine is picked up by the

engine's oil pump, cleaned by the oil filter, and reused. It is vital that any dirt, or contamination, picked up by the circulating oil be removed before it is pumped back into the engine.

Even though the typical engine carries only four to five quarts of oil, constant recirculation means that an average 15,750 gallons have passed through the filter in 3,000 miles. That is why it is wise knowledgeable car owners usually think in terms of 3,000- to 3,500-mile oil and filter change intervals.

With regular maintenance, their engines should easily reach 100,000 miles. By that time 525,000 gallons—or 1,943 tons—of oil will have been filtered.

Oil circulating in an engine travels from hot areas to cooler ones, helping to equalize temperatures. Over time, engine heat evaporates some of the lighter, more volatile components of the oil, causing it to oxidize and thicken. As a result, it is no longer as effective a lubricant for the car's engine. This is one

reason regular oil and filter changes are needed.

As combustion from the firing of fuel and air by the spark plugs pushes down the piston in an engine, moving parts are pushed toward each other with several tons of force. It's only a microscopic film of oil that prevents the parts from scraping together and destroying each other. Because the oil film is so thin, it must be clean; otherwise contaminants may come into contact with moving parts and damage them.

Meanwhile, the oil is picking up contamination. Some of it consists of combustion byproducts, such as soot, forced past the piston rings. When an engine is first started and oil has not been able to circulate completely yet, moving parts will scrape together momentarily, causing some microscopic metal bits to get in the oil.

And while everyone has heard of leaks that let oil drip out of an engine, a defective oil filter or any leaks in the engine's intake air supply will let contaminants slip into the

engine.

**Air Filters**  
Engines consume vast amounts of air. Fram engineers note that an engine uses 10,000 to 12,000 gallons of air for each gallon of gasoline burned, and that a car delivering 20 mpg consumes about 550 gallons of air per mile.

The air filter is your car's first defense against harmful dirt, before it goes anywhere, air meets the filter. And, in spite of the huge amount of air that moves through it, an air filter only needs to be replaced after about 24,000 miles of normal driving.

Vacuum created by engine operation draws in the air needed for the engine to run. Considering the amount of air that an engine requires, it is critical that the air be filtered; any dust-laden air that gets in will cause excessive internal wear.

Engines have several places where vacuum leaks may occur, making it possible for unfiltered air to enter and cause damage. Dirty air can slip past an air filter element not properly positioned in its

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housing. An air filter element that has been dropped very likely does not fit correctly. It should be discarded.

Leaks also may appear between the air filter housing and the carburetor or engine. Air filters that sit on top of the carburetor should have a gasket between the filter housing and the carburetor. These gaskets are often missing so check to see if it is there. If not, replace it.

If it is in place, check for signs of uneven contact and replace the gasket if it appears air may slip past it. Make sure that ductwork between the carburetor and the engine has no leaks. It is also possible for air

leaks to develop in the engine itself. In the ATF case of cars with carburetors, vacuum leaks on the engine's intake manifold are hard to ignore since they will cause the car to run roughly. Also, many accessories are vacuum-operated.

For example, if the cruise control works erratically, if the heater vents change from dash to floor to defrost, or if the power brakes become hard to use, a vacuum leak may be the cause. But vacuum leaks affect more than just accessories. They also may impede operation of the brakes in an automatic transmission, the engine to potentially damaging dust.

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A major player in the evolution of the automobile, often taken for granted, is the person who fixes it. After all, the same holds true today as it did 100 years ago: if an automobile is properly cared for by its owner, it will provide

a level of personal freedom, mobility, enjoyment and convenience like no other mode of transportation. Fixing a problem on your automobile quickly and correctly the first time has always been and always will be a positive factor in the total auto ownership experience.

Enter the repair technician, once referred to as a mechanic, the marriage counselor of sorts, who keeps the romance alive between the owner and machine through periodic service, maintenance and repair.

In the old days if a mechanic could fix one car, he could fix them all. Today, there are more than 22,000 light vehicle variations in make, model, style and engine. Onboard electronic control modules

regulate engines, suspension, anti-lock brake systems, air bags, transmissions and a host of other features.

In the future, computer-controlled systems will expand to include such things as variable pitch spoiler and ground effects panels, on-board navigation systems, infrared windshields for better night and bad weather vision and smart seats that adjust to voice commands.

The demand for higher levels of consumer satisfaction combined with federal regulations, have created the need for a new approach to service and repair. Therefore, the demand for talented and motivated young people to join the ranks of automotive service and repair is a necessity.

## We're keeping our cars longer

Remember when we thought about trading the old car in when it got to be about 6 years old? That's what people did in the mid-1970s. New car fever has calmed down considerably as new car prices soar, with an average new car sale, including tax, now beyond \$20,000. Average car age now is 8.3 years.

A new Ford in 1994 cost \$785 complete with heater and bumper guards. That's the car, incidentally, driven by Bonnie and Clyde when they made their getaway from Topeka. They drove it 7,500 miles in 23 days before their fatal ambush in Louisiana.

Whether or not you plan to run it forever, as some people

vow they'll do, or keep the car just a little longer, taking care of needed maintenance is a must. Generally, your most economical transportation is the vehicle you already own. So fixing it up makes good economic sense.

It certainly pays in terms of safety and driving efficiency, emphasizes the Car Care Council, which advocates investing in needed maintenance a few thousand miles too soon rather than too late.

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## News

## Area priests providing national commentary for papal visit, mass

By Clayton Berry  
Staff writer

Every Sunday, the Rev. Mike Campbell delivers his religious sermons to some 2,500 parishioners.

This week the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in south St. Louis is gaining a whole new audience, and a very big one at that. Campbell is one of 16 local clergy who are serving as commentators for various media outlets during Pope John Paul II's visit here.

Campbell is the only priest working with an out-of-state television organization. He is providing commentary for WNCN, the New York NBC-owned station. It serves three states: New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The station has potential viewership of 36 million people.

On Sunday, Jan. 24, Campbell met with the New York news team. At 5 p.m. St. Louis time, Campbell completed his first live broadcast to New York. He has been on the air several times since.

Before he went on camera for the first time, Campbell admitted he was a bit nervous. "But it's great to bring the Holy Father's message to the East Coast," Campbell said.

Campbell, like all those who

don the cloth, are trained to be public speakers. His background, though, does not include broadcasting. Before the visit, the Archdiocese of St. Louis took all of its commentators through a six-hour crash course.

Dave Spotsnik of the archdiocese said all of the local television stations are relying on priests as commentators. Several radio stations have enlisted their help as well.

There are further connections to Campbell's parish at South Kingshighway Boulevard and Rhodes Avenue. The Rev. Mitch Doyen, a pastor-in-residence at Our Lady of Sorrows and director of secondary education for the archdiocese, is a commentator for KTVI-TV (Channel 2).

Steve Rev. John Veen, associate pastor at the church, is providing commentary for Metro Radio, which provides news to many stations. He also is hosting an Internet chat session on the Microsoft Network.

Steve Mamanella, a spokesman with the roles of all these priests play this week are important.

"These commentators are able to communicate a pastoral message that is unique," he said.

Campbell and his

counterparts are doing more than 15-second sound bites. During the Mass today at the Trans World Dome, Campbell will describe many of the rituals. He also will comment on the pope's sermon.

"I can help comment on the pope's message to different people," Campbell said.

"There are so many people of different faiths who are interested in the pope." At the Kiel Center youth rally, Campbell helped interview young people as well as families. Throughout the two days of the visit, the New York affiliate is broadcasting live. Taped segments are being broadcast during news bulletins and regular news shows.

Campbell said he is anxious to be a bit of a local ambassador to people in the New York region.

"It's an opportunity to bring the excitement of St. Louis to a lot of people," he said.

Though his voice and image may be zapped into millions of homes, Campbell said this is not the most important task he has undertaken in his 20 years of religious life. His regular duties entail celebrating Mass, conducting baptisms, visiting the sick and burying the dead. "The things I do as a priest, that's really the most significant part of my life," Campbell said.

## Graham Crusade organizing gets started

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

While Pope John Paul II is in St. Louis, plans are under way for the visit of another major religious leader to the area later this year.

A series of 18 informational meetings will take place at churches throughout the St. Louis area next week, to let the faithful know more about the Greater St. Louis Billy Graham Crusade, set for Oct. 14 through 17 at the Trans

World Dome.

The crusade established an office in St. Louis on Jan. 11. Scott Lanning, director of the St. Louis crusade, said Graham is coming at the request of area Christian leaders.

"Now we work with churches to help them get organized for the crusade," he said.

By the time of the crusade, the organizers want to recruit and train 20,000 volunteers to do tasks from counseling,

ushering and singing in the choir. Organizers are seeking participation from 750 to 1,000 churches.

During the two-hour seminars, scheduled from Feb. 1 through 6, followers will receive free printed material and see an inspirational video, entitled "The Crusade Story."

Those wanting more information, including the location of a meeting, may call the Greater St. Louis Billy Graham Crusade office at (314) 426-1999.

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Grandma took advantage of plentiful fresh vegetables to pile her family's plates high.

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Pile easy pie with ham and cheese for savory meal.

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Chili was an element that helped warm guests in towns bordering Mexico.

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### Lively Taste

For blackened fish, dip 4 fish fillets (1 pound total) in combined 1 teaspoon black pepper, 1 teaspoon oregano, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon onion powder, 1/2 teaspoon paprika and 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper. Cook in 3 tablespoons oil until fish is browned and flakes easily with a fork. If desired, first prepare 2 cups stuffing mix and spread on one side of fish, roll up and secure with toothpicks.

## Health & Fitness

### Medicine Chest

Increased frequency of urination, weight loss, an increased urge to eat, blurred vision, excessive thirst, tingling of hands and feet or slow-healing wounds can be symptoms of diabetes. Anyone who experiences any or several of these signs should contact a doctor for a definitive diagnosis.

### Fresh Picks

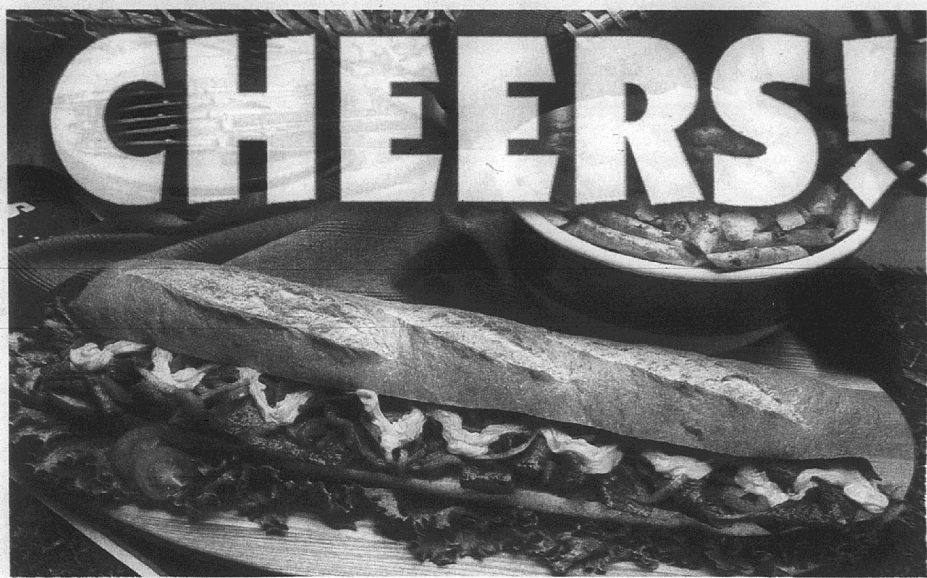
When it comes to battling winter colds, vitamin C is often the weapon of choice. The best food sources of vitamin C are citrus fruits — oranges and grapefruit for starters, plus cantaloupe, strawberries, kiwifruit, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, greens and green bell pepper. Juice often has vitamin C added, but don't count on any drink having it, unless the label says so. Drinks that promote cranberry or orange flavor vary greatly on this. If kept refrigerated and tightly covered, orange juice keeps its flavor and vitamin C up to three weeks. Frozen juice concentrate holds vitamin C a year. Exposure to air diminishes the vitamin and flavor in the juice, so always store it in a clean container with a tight-fitting lid. Vitamin C is lost in cooking water, so steam, bake or microwave vegetables instead of boiling them.

### Big Fat Tip

It takes little added fat to stir-fry shrimp. For 4 servings, start by marinating 1-1/4 pounds in 2 tablespoons light soy sauce 10 minutes. In hot wok or heavy skillet, cook the shrimp in 2 tablespoons peanut oil over medium-high heat 2 to 4 minutes. Remove shrimp. Add 4 to 6 cups vegetables, cut in bite-size pieces, along with 1 teaspoon sesame oil, another teaspoon peanut oil and a sprinkling of grated ginger root. Stir-fry 4 to 5 minutes or as long as needed to cook until tender-crisp. Return shrimp to pan. If desired, toss in 1 to 2 teaspoons cornstarch, as well as more soy sauce. Cover and steam 1 to 2 minutes longer.

### Future Shop

French fries and mashed potatoes have fueled many humans for a long time, but researchers in Vienna are looking to put a potato in their gas tank. The theory is the same as using corn for fuel. Cars are not picky eaters. They use any kind of potato whose sugars are fermented. When the Austrian government decided not to fund a local ethanol plant, a staffer at the Auckland Institute of Technology in Australia was recruited to continue research into the alternative fill-up. Source: Sunday Star Times of New Zealand.



## Fan food runs up score for big win

By Janice Denham  
Staff writer

Whether a fan is fond of football or football chow, Super Bowl weekend culminates the sport's season. From dips to desserts, food at a football party is the snackable, totable, munchable kind. It can be made just for two people, an Atlanta fan and a person betting on Denver's touchdown tactics, or it may adjust to a crowd. Bowls of crunchy snacks and mixes sit alongside carrot and celery sticks kept fresh and crisp until game time wrapped in a damp paper towel, then placed in plastic sandwich bags in the refrigerator.

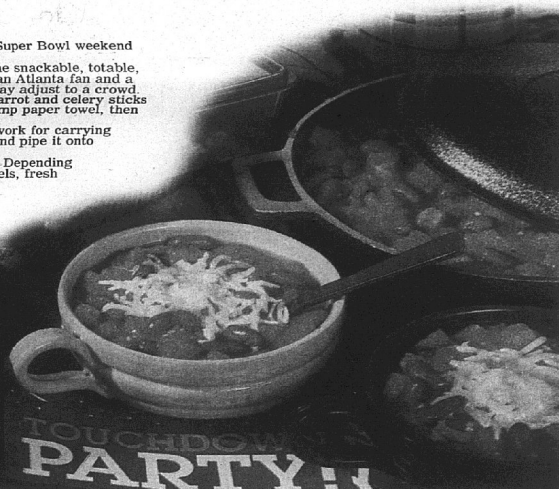
If the event is a potluck, plastic storage bags also work for carrying dips. When it's time to serve them, snip off a corner and pipe it onto veggies or crackers.

Finger foods do not only include chips and peanuts. Depending on the crowd, an array of cut-up veggies, olives, pretzels, fresh grapes and chunks of melon can be part of the game plan.

There is no reason to fuss with "serving." Let everyone gather 'round coolers or a sink lined with ice for drinks and let the main dish of chili or soup simmer over very low heat on the stove until it is time for ladling the food focus of halftime into bowls.

Ingredients like those in Touchdown Spread sell the most tickets. Just mix 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese with 1 jar (4 ounces) sliced or diced pimento (drained), 1/3 cup mayonnaise and 1 tablespoon spicy steak sauce. The spread can be made up to 2 days ahead and refrigerated until time for serving it on crackers.

For a new version of a dessert that has



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## Sweet Success Sandwiches

Kids can help make a Super Bowl party a sweet success with these dessert-type treats.

- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup marshmallow creme
- 48 cheese-type crackers
- 1-1/4 cups semisweet chocolate chips, melted
- 1 cup flaked coconut or chopped nuts

- Spread 1 teaspoon peanut butter and 1 teaspoon marshmallow creme on each of 24 crackers. Top with remaining crackers.
- Dip cracker sandwiches halfway into melted chocolate. Coat with coconut or nuts.
- Place on waxed paper. Let stand until chocolate sets.
- Store in airtight container up to 1 week.
- Makes 24 treats.



Kids' Cuisine



## Today's Food

### Wild rice tames appetites in easy soups and salads

For a wild twist to soup and salad combos, make them with wild rice. They will elicit rave reviews because they are new, easy and delicious combinations. In the United States, Minnesota is the land where wild rice reigns. It has grown in the pristine lakebed shallows and lush vegetation of wetlands for thousands of years. Now refined harvesting and finishing methods produce a clean and consistent product, yet the cultivated grain is the same as Native Americans harvested from lakes and streams since the dawn of time.

While wild rice by the pound sounds expensive, it expands to make many servings.

For simple stove-top preparation, add 1 pound of wild rice to 8 to 10 cups of boiling water. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 30 to 65 minutes until kernels just start to open. Drain any excess liquid. Consistent use of a brand defines the cooking time and water content. The texture can be crunchy and nut-like or tender and soft. As a time saver, cooked wild rice can be drained well and refrigerated up to 1 week or frozen up to 6 months without losing

flavor, nutritional value or eye appeal.

Minestrone with Wild Rice is a soup with a clear broth inspired by a medley of fresh vegetables and wild rice. It is simple and light, yet satisfying. It starts with cooked wild rice, so the vegetables do not overcook. Fresh and lively flavors of the dressing add zing to a vegetarian salad of wild rice, lentils, sprouts and red onion.

#### MINESTRONE WITH WILD RICE

5 lb. fresh vegetables, such as cauliflower, carrot, fennel, snow peas and celery  
1 cup minced onion  
3 tsp. butter  
5 cups vegetable broth  
5 cups cooked wild rice  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. freshly ground white pepper  
5 tsp. minced fresh parsley for garnish

Clean and coarsely chop fresh vegetables.  
Saute onion in butter. Add vegetables. Cook and stir 5 to 10 minutes. Add broth. Bring to boil. Lower

heat. Cook 10 to 15 minutes longer.

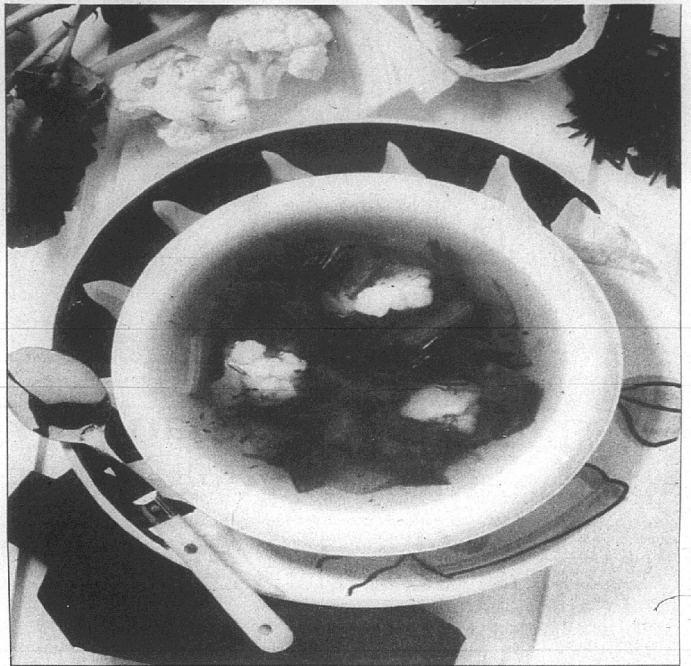
Stir in wild rice, salt and pepper. Heat through. Garnish individual servings with parsley. Makes 10 servings.

#### LENTIL WILD RICE SALAD WITH SPROUTS

5 cups cooked wild rice  
2 cups cooked lentils  
1 cup minced red onion  
7 oz. bean sprouts  
1 cup fresh orange juice  
1/4 cup olive oil  
2 tsp. balsamic vinegar  
2 tsp. minced orange peel  
2 tsp. curry powder  
Salt and fresh pepper to taste  
Thinly sliced orange for garnish

Gently mix together wild rice, lentils, onion and sprouts.

Combine orange juice and peel, oil, vinegar and curry powder. Salt and pepper to taste. Stir into rice mixture. Chill 30 minutes. Toss lightly before serving. Serve with orange slices. Makes 10 servings.



Broth from fresh vegetables adds hearty flavor and nutrition to meatless minestrone.

#### VEGGIES WITH NEW ATTITUDE

Give leftover cooked vegetables new style as a side dish salad by marinating them in equal

parts of regular or light Italian salad dressing and picante sauce.

### Recipe

#### FIESTA BREAD

1 cup quick or old-fashioned oats, uncooked  
1 1/4 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
3/4 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. ground cumin  
1 tsp. chili powder  
1/2 tsp. salt, if desired  
2 tsp. margarine, chilled  
1/4 cup plus 1 tsp. thinly sliced green onion  
1 medium jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped, or 1 tsp. canned chopped

green chiles  
1 cup plain nonfat yogurt  
2 egg whites, lightly beaten  
4 oz. fat-free cream cheese, softened  
2 tsp. salsa

Preheat oven to 425°. Lightly coat 10-inch ovenproof skillet or cookie sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine oats, flour, baking powder, baking soda, cumin, chili powder and salt. Mix well. Cut in margarine, using pastry blender or two knives, until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in onion, jalapeno, yogurt and egg whites. Mix

until dry ingredients are just moistened. Turn out onto well-floured surface.

Knead gently 8 to 10 times. Pat dough evenly into prepared skillet or in 9-inch circle on prepared cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven 13 to 16 minutes until golden brown.

For spread, combine cream cheese, salsa and remaining 1 tablespoon onion.

Makes 8 servings; 170 calories, 4 g fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 380 mg sodium and 2 g dietary fiber each.

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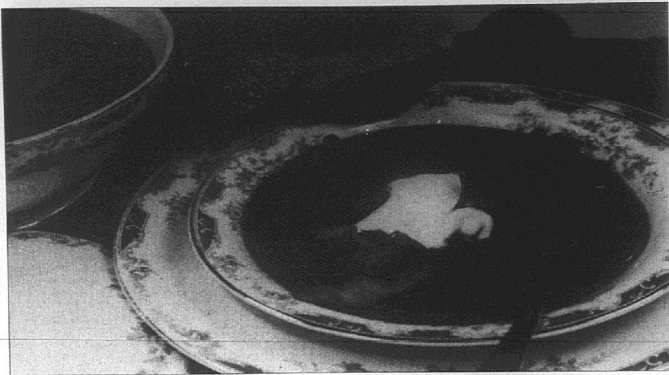
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# Today's Food



Food in Russia during winter relies on hearty vegetables — onion, beets, carrots, potatoes and cabbage — all part of colorful Vegetable Borscht.

## Russian cuisine expands appreciation of vegetables

By Melanie Polk  
Correspondent

If Beef Stroganoff and Chicken Kiev are the only Russian dishes in the home repertoire, it is time to tour this hearty and wholesome cuisine.

**GOOD FOOD GOOD HEALTH** Cabbage, Russia's national vegetable, dominates. Cabbage soup (shchi) is a staple. Russia's most famous soup, however, is borscht — a hot, red, steaming dish made from beets.

Traditional Russian bread is a black rye bread. The staple breakfast food is a cooked grain called kasha. Russians also love blinis, little pancakes that enfold caviar or other delicacies. Russia is known as the land of the potato, too. Root vegetables — including

Other popular, high-fat Russian foods include sausage, savory pies (pirog) and egg dishes.

onions, carrots and beets — help Russians survive long winters when access to fresh vegetables is limited. These vegetables commonly are served chopped in winter salads, sometimes mixed with meat, fish or hard-cooked eggs. Cucumber pickles are eaten for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Tomatoes, when not in season, are usually preserved as pickles, too. Mushrooms, popular in Russian cuisine, are served often as side dishes. Root cellars contain apples and pears, but other fruits are served as

preserve and compotes during the long months when the fresh ones cannot be obtained. For dessert, Russians often eat a pureed concoction called kisel, which they make with fruits, like apples, apricots, strawberries, cranberries or rhubarb.

As in any cuisine, some ingredients should be enjoyed only moderately when sampling Russian cooking. Be wary of dollops of sour cream frequently added to almost any type of dish — soup, salad, vegetables, fish, meat, eggs, stew or dessert. Other popular, high-fat Russian foods include sausage, savory pies (pirog) and egg dishes. Registered dietitian Melanie Polk reviews this material for the American Institute for Cancer Research, Washington, D.C.

### VEGETABLE BORSCHT

- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 large beets, peeled, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, sliced
- 1 large potato, peeled, cubed
- 1½ cups beef or chicken stock
- ¼ small head cabbage, shredded
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh parsley
- ½ tsp. dill weed
- 1 tsp. salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 3 tsp. light sour cream or plain yogurt

In large saucepan, bring onion, beets, carrot, potato and stock to boil. Simmer, covered, 30 minutes, skimming foam if necessary. Add cabbage, tomato, parsley and dill. Simmer 30 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste and lemon juice. Top each serving with 1 teaspoon sour cream. Makes 8 servings, 60 calories and 1 g fat each.

### GRAPEFRUIT COCKTAIL

Cut 3 large grapefruit in half crosswise. Using curved grapefruit or paring knife, cut around each section, loosening from membrane. Remove center core. Remove every other section.

Fill each empty section with a medium shrimp, cooked, shelled, deveined, tail hanging over edge of fruit (about 36 total) and thin slice of avocado (2 avocados, peeled).

Fill center of each grapefruit with Russian or Thousand Island salad dressing. Garnish with parsley sprig.

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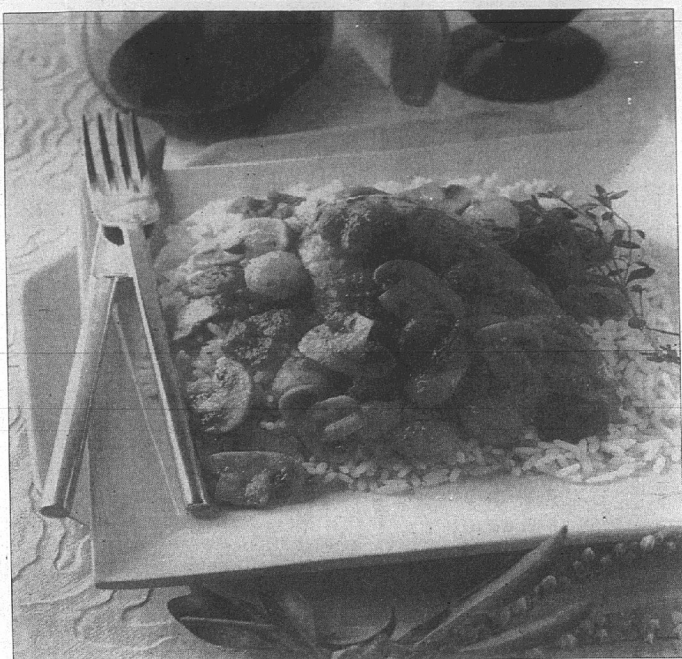
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## Today's Food

### Flavors pay off as bonus in classic meal updates



A '90s version of Chicken Marengo pairs fresh white mushrooms with chicken and fragrant garlic and thyme.

#### BROCCOLI TOPPED WITH CHEESE

For flavor that stands up to broccoli and strong winter

vegetables, steam the veggie in a little olive oil flavored with garlic and red pepper flakes until just hot.

Paper-thin shavings of parmesan cheese on top of the broccoli soften with the heat of the broccoli.

Oldie-but-goodie recipes stand heads above trendy dishes of the moment. Some of these classics, like Chicken Marengo and Beef Stroganoff, are well known by their popularized names. Now they are back, prepared with lighter, contemporary flair.

An abundance of fresh white mushrooms is the key, replacing some of the meat, while absorbing and preserving the rich flavor expected from these favorites.

Streamlining the cooking time is another secret to their new-found success. As an added bonus, these make-overs have about half the calories and fat as the originals.

Chicken Marengo, created as a tribute to Napoleon's victory in that city, required lengthy simmering in its old-fashioned form. Now cooked in less than 30 minutes, the fragrance of garlic laces with thyme to whet the appetite.

Slimmed down with skinless, boneless chicken breast and heaps of mushrooms, this is a '90s dish with old-fashioned appeal.

Also making a new, slimmer appearance is today's version of Beef Stroganoff.

Named for the Russian diplomat, Count Stroganov, this typically high-cholesterol dish gets its more slenderizing,

creamy sauce from low-fat sour cream. By slicing the lean beef paper-thin, it cooks in minutes.

Again, chunky quartered mushrooms in this version mean less meat is needed to achieve the recipe's characteristic heartiness.

Fresh white mushrooms make these recipes happen. To keep them at their flavorful best, refrigerate in a paper bag.

If they are purchased in a package, remove the plastic wrap and cover the mushrooms with a paper towel.

- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp. thyme, crushed
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 can (14 oz.) diced tomato
- 1/2 cup dry white wine

Steamed rice, if desired

In Dutch oven over high heat, cook chicken in hot oil, turning once, about 3 minutes on each side until browned on both sides.

Remove chicken.

Add mushrooms, onion and garlic.

Cook and stir about 10 minutes until mushrooms are golden.

Return chicken to skillet.

Stir in thyme, salt and pepper.

Add undrained tomato and wine.

Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low.

Simmer, covered, about 10 minutes until chicken is tender, stirring occasionally.

#### CHICKEN MARENGO

- 1/3 cup olive oil
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- 12 oz. white mushrooms, sliced (about 5 cups)
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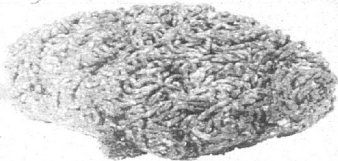
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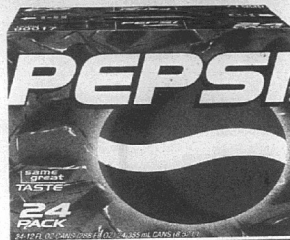


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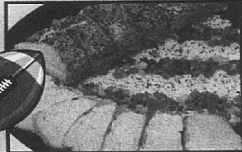
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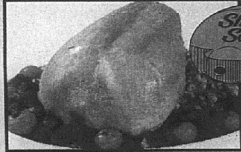
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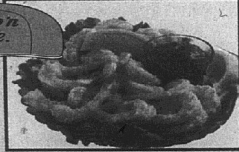
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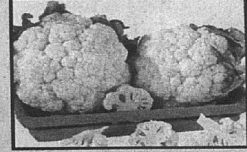
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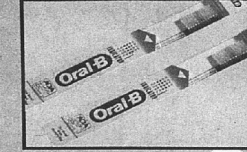
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## Volkswagen offers its VR-6 in Jetta GLS

By Tom Strongman

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**Transmission:** Five-speed  
**Wheelbase:** 107.3 inches  
**Curb Weight:** 3,197 pounds  
**Base Price:** \$33,970  
**Price as Driven:** \$37,815  
**MPG Estimate:** 20 city, 29 highway

The resurgence of Volkswagen's product line, initiated by the Passat and confirmed by the New Beetle, continues with the recent arrival of the redesigned Jetta.

This crisply tailored four-door is built on a tight, rigid platform that happens to be shared by the New Beetle, as well as the European Audi A3 and the upcoming Audi TT coupe. It slots into VW's lineup just under the Passat and alongside the soon-to-be-available 1999 Golf. Styling bears a familiar resemblance to the Passat.

The Jetta is available in GL, GLS and GLX models. Prices start at \$16,700 for the GL with a 115-horsepower, 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine and range to \$35,500 for the luxurious GLX with the 2.8-liter, 174-horsepower V-6. In between lies the GLS, which is likely to be the volume seller. It comes with power windows, heated outside mirrors, eight-speaker stereo and tilt-telescoping steering wheel. This year it also is available with the optional V-6 engine, which was how our test car was equipped. Its base price was \$19,950.

The 1.9-liter TDI diesel engine will be available later in the year.

Compared to comparably equipped 1998s, prices are up only \$30. Features such as rear disc brakes, 15-inch wheels, telescoping steering column, height-adjustable passenger seat and folding key with remote entry are standard. Anti-lock brakes are standard across the board.

The 2.8-liter, VR-6 engine is an absolute gem. This extremely compact power plant is mounted transversely and drives the front wheels. Maximum horsepower is 174, which makes the Jetta feel like a genuinely quick little sedan. The engine makes power over a wide range, so that dipping into the throttle at just about any speed results in a lively squirt of acceleration. I frequently found myself cruising along on the highway quite briskly because wind and road noise have been very well concealed.

The five-speed manual transmission enables the driver to make the most of the engine. Its linkage is smooth and firm. With a car whose personality is as energetic as this one, the ability to stick to the road is paramount. While the suspension has been tuned for a reasonably soft ride, handling is sharper than most compact sedans. A sport package with larger, 16-inch wheels is optional, and enthusiastic drivers will want to choose it.

Continuing the theme set with the Audi A4, the Jetta's interior is a model of understatement and simplicity. The seats were firm and had good support. The top portion of the instrument panel is finished in a dull-black, leather-like texture that kills reflections and adds a touch of class. The lower part of the dash and seats in our dark-red test car were a light cream color, and I noticed a few soil marks around the door pulls already, indicating that perhaps the black inte-

rior would be a better choice over the long haul.

I have only a few complaints about the instrument panel. No in-dash CD player is available, and I found that I struggled to reach the temperature knobs because they reside behind the gearshift lever. This is less of a problem with an automatic transmission, because the lever is in a different place. Oh, yes, the radio is overly complicated, and the buttons are rather small, too. If I had my way I would move both up a couple of inches and let the storage bin sit underneath them.

At night, instruments have iridescent blue numbers with red needles, a color scheme inspired by airport runway-landing lights and one that takes some getting used to. The foldable back seat has headrests and three-point belts for all three seating positions. The pass-through from the trunk is a bit small in order to preserve the rigidity of the body structure, which is one of the Jetta's best qualities.

There are air bags, both front and side. The side bags are built into the seat backs. Throughout the Jetta, attention to detail, such as the thin, precise lines between body panels and doors, is evident. The styling is understated, but function is not. Folks who want a small German sedan with a sporting character will enjoy this one. Hard-core performance types should wait for the Golf GTI later this year.

The base price for our test car was \$19,950. Options included power sun roof, alloy wheels and heated leather seats. The sticker price was \$22,325. The warranty is for two years or 24,000 miles. All scheduled service during that period is free. The powertrain warranty is for 10 years or 100,000 miles.

## Points & Plugs

### Winter driving easier if one plans ahead

By Rick Stoff

Our nasty January storms turned out to be a driving test for many of us. During travels around the St. Louis area, it appeared most of us did quite well.

Sure, a few people skidded off the road, but most drivers I saw driving in the ice and snow seemed to be practicing prudence and caution.

But some of you sport-utility drivers need to remember your four-wheel-drive can't help you slow down or turn once all your traction gets you going too fast on a hidden patch of ice or glaze. Four-wheel-drive can't suspend certain laws of physics: A large vehicle mass going too fast in the absence of traction may spin out of control regardless of drivetrain configuration.

Some studies have determined four-wheel-drive vehicles may incur a higher rate of accidents in bad conditions because their drivers work up more confidence than may be warranted.

"Stopping quickly in winter on snow-covered or icy roads is next to impossible," the Missouri State Highway Patrol said in a list of winter-driving tips it issued before the storms.

"Plan ahead by increasing your following distance as you drive. Leave as many as two to three car lengths between you and the vehicle in front of you for each 10 miles per hour you are driving," the patrol said.

A number of vehicles stranded during the worst of the storm days appeared to have been felled not by spins or collisions but by mechanical failures. Very cold weather, particularly subzero temperatures, can put many parts of a car or truck under severe strain.

"Have a mechanic check your battery, heater, defroster, lights, brakes, oil, tires, wipers and fluid levels before traveling," the patrol said.

Mobil Oil Co. also advises you to take it easy on your engine until it is well warmed at the start of a trip. The company says a cold engine does not fully volatilize fuel, so much of it can end up in the crankcase, diluting the oil and creating the risk of engine damage.

The company says many short winter trips may justify extra oil changes. Throwing some emergency supplies in the car or trunk this time of year may not be a bad idea, either. While we don't have the vast open and untraveled spaces of the western states, there are still plenty of places in Missouri and Illinois where a car could become stranded out of sight during a bad winter storm. Even in urban areas, there occasionally are incidents in which a skid off the road leaves a car hidden by trees, ditches or snow.

The highway patrol says your emergency kit should include an ice scraper, fire chains, battery booster cables, blankets, flashlight and a bag of sand. Some extra warm clothes are a great addition, too. If your car is disabled or stranded at a remote location during busy times when the wrecker and safety crews may be backed up for hours.

If you are stranded for an extended period of time, be careful about keeping the vehicle's engine running to create heat. Carbon monoxide is an odorless poison that can sicken or kill surreptitiously. If it is necessary to keep the engine running, keep a window or two cracked open to make sure you are breathing fresh, outside air.

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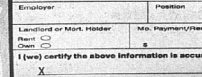
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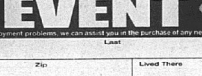
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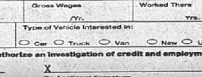
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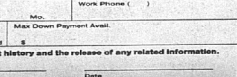
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